



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 53

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, December 1, 2005

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding family violence and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada on December 6, 2005.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the International Day of Disabled Persons, December 3, 2005, and the Awards of Excellence to be presented by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2005, in Edmonton and Calgary.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta Centennial Salute for Sport and Recreation Awards to be presented at the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum on December 8, 2005.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Brian Fjeldheim, recently retired Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding World AIDS Day, December 1, 2005.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Raymond Comets football team on winning the tier one provincial championship.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, presented the Pages with a Christmas gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1919, by Order in Council, Peace River was incorporated as a town. It is home to Henry Fuller Davis, also known as Twelve Foot Davis. Twelve Foot Davis had a 12-foot land claim in British Columbia during the Caribou Country gold rush, and he was able to mine almost \$30,000 in gold from his land, which he then took to establish a trading post near the town of Peace River. There is a monument to Twelve Foot Davis, who made \$30,000 at that time mining gold.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 595 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 570 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, December 5, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Memorandum dated June 17, 1998, from William E. Code to James T. Eamon regarding an interview with Stan Swerhun, former Manager of Investigations, Alberta Securities Commission, concerning an investigation of Larry Ryckman
Sessional Paper 811/2005

State of Arizona Court of Appeals document, undated and unsigned, regarding the Alberta Securities Commission versus Lawrence G. Ryckman and Elaine Ryckman

Sessional Paper 812/2005

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated December 1, 2005, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that funding for an elementary school meal program be included in the 2006-2007 budget

Sessional Paper 813/2005

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Copy of a petition signed by 59 Calgary residents requesting the Government of Alberta collaborate with the Federal Government on a land claim settlement for the Lubicon and Cree of Alberta

Sessional Paper 814/2005

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Lorraine Flodberg of Calgary to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding seniors' incomes and requesting that seniors be exempt from paying provincial education taxes

Sessional Paper 815/2005

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document, undated and unsigned, from Terry Cruikshank of Edmonton requesting the Government pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 816/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

13 recent letters from Alberta teachers to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 817/2005

Copy of a fax, undated, from Sylvia Scarfe of Edmonton to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the length of time it took for approval to receive Alberta Seniors Benefits

Sessional Paper 818/2005

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Connie Kaldor, James Keelaghan, Mike Robinson, John Russell, and Ian Tyson to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requesting the Government establish the Andy Russell - I'tai sah kòp Park in memory of Andy and Kay Russell

Sessional Paper 819/2005

Letter dated November 25, 2005, from Paul Stevenson, Public Policy Committee Chair, Lethbridge Family Services, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the wages of employees working in the rehabilitation of persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 820/2005

Non-Smokers' Rights Association web site article dated January 27, 2003, entitled "Tobacco industry front groups in Canada"

Sessional Paper 821/2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Beth Perog of Grande Prairie to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the cost of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 822/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

McLennan Ross LLP web page profile of Damon S. Bailey, a law firm partner

Sessional Paper 823/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency:

Response to Written Question WQ33, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on November 21, 2005:

What measures has the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

Sessional Paper 824/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A breakdown of the Minister of Municipal Affairs' expenses including, travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees) from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

Sessional Paper 825/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Sessional Paper 826/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Sessional Paper 827/2005

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, advised there was no projected Government business to report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 26th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005
- 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005
- 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005
- 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act
- 46 Criminal Notoriety Act
- 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act
- 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005
- 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005
- 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005
- 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005
- 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005
- Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to by the Assembly on December 1, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, December 1, 2005