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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, February 23, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that in 2006 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. For the duration of the Second Session of the 26th Legislature, at this point in the agenda I will be providing to you, on a daily basis, a historical vignette in commemoration of this anniversary. These vignettes may provide historical data, quotations or remarks made by a variety of Members, and brief descriptions about them.

Alberta's first election was held on November 9, 1905, and our 26th election was held on November 22, 2004. Throughout our 100-year history in our democracy in Alberta, a total of only 769 different Members have been elected in the 26 elections. In terms of service, 286 Members served one term, 187 Members served two terms, 140 Members served three terms, 78 Members served four terms, 40 Members served five terms, 19 Members served six terms, eight Members served seven terms, six Members served eight terms, four Members served nine terms, and one Member served 10 terms. The average length of service in this Assembly has been 2.4 terms.

In terms of the longest serving MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly) in the history of the Province of Alberta, the longest serving Member was Gordon E. Taylor, who served from the ninth to the 18th Legislatures. He was elected for the first time in 1940, the original constituency was Drumheller, and he served for 38 years and 10 months.

The second longest-serving Member was elected in the 1935 provincial election. Alfred J. Hooke, representing the constituency of Red Deer, served from the eighth to the 16th Legislatures for a total of 35 years and one month.

Ernest C. Manning was the third longest-serving Member, elected in the 1935 election out of the City of Calgary. He served from the eighth to the 16th Legislatures for a total of 33 years and three months.

Floyd M. Baker, elected in 1935 representing the constituency of Clover Bar, served from the eighth to the 15th Legislatures for a total of 31 years and seven months.

In 1971 Peter Trynchy was elected in the constituency of Whitecourt, served from the 17th to the 24th Legislatures, for a total of 29 years and five months.

Those are the five longest-serving Members in the history of the Province of Alberta.

The sixth longest-serving Member was William Tomy, elected in 1905 in the constituency of Whitford, who served from the eighth to the 11th Legislatures, then from the 14th to the 16th, for 28 years and 11 months.

The next longest-serving Member, elected in 1963, was Ray Speaker, who served from the 15th to the 22nd Legislatures in the constituency of Little Bow for 28 years and six months.

R. E. Ainsley was elected in 1935 and served from the eighth to the 14th Legislatures in the constituency of Leduc for 27 years and eight months.

In 1935 Peter Dawson was elected in the constituency of Little Bow and served from the eighth to the 14th Legislatures for 27 years and 7 months. He also served for 26 years as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in the Province of Alberta.

The current MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, who was elected in 1979 to the present, has now served 26 years and four months for the constituency of Barrhead and others.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the 2006 Alberta Winter Games to be held in Edson, Hinton, Jasper, and Yellowhead County from February 23-26, 2006.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement congratulating The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, on his January 23, 2006, federal election victory and his reforms to the Supreme Court of Canada nomination process.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the history of medicare in Alberta.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding financial support from the Government for Alberta athletes.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the need for a provincial child care program.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the public health care system.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 238 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

## **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, February 27, 2006:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the ongoing reduction in funding and supports provided to individuals and families through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege and contempt pursuant to Standing Order 15 regarding the Premier's release of the 2006 Speech from the Throne to members of the media and the Leader of the Official Opposition prior to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 —  
Mrs. Jablonski

- Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Mr. Shariff
- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Amery on behalf of Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Amery on behalf of Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) to allow for First Reading consideration of Bill 201, Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006.

- Bill 201 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) to allow for First Reading consideration of Bill 202, Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine) Amendment Act, 2006.

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Friends of Medicare website article entitled “Will you be covered? For-profit health insurance for your family?”

Sessional Paper 3/2006

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

Report dated November 1, 2005, entitled “The Demand for Private Health Insurance in Alberta in the Presence of a Public Alternative” prepared by Herb Emery and Kevin Gerrits, Department of Economics, University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 4/2006

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

Alberta Association for Community Living newsletter, undated, entitled “Call to Action Update, Plans for Funding Cuts to Individuals and Their Families Actively Continues”

Sessional Paper 5/2006

4 letters, 2 recent and 2 undated, from Vahini Govender, Lorraine Reno, Mary Markowski, and Kathleen Chalmers to Whom it May Concern, all expressing concern regarding the decrease in funding to programs supported by Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Sessional Paper 6/2006

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

Alberta Registries Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated April 15, 1998

Sessional Paper 7/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report, undated, entitled “Our Plan for Public Health Care, Creating a Healthy Future” prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 8/2006

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated February 23, 2006, from “Shannon” to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, including the text of an e-mail message dated January 27, 2006, from “Shannon” to Steven Fletcher, Member of Parliament, Senior Health Critic, expressing concern that the privatization of health care in Alberta may violate the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 9/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s35 and s39:

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 10/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 10/2006

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 11/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 16)

Sessional Paper 11/2006

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 12/05 Members’ Allowances Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 12/2006

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 13/05 Transportation Amendment Order (No. 8)

Sessional Paper 13/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2004 Annual Report and 2004 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 14/2006

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coumts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to Written Question WQ34, asked for by Mr. Bonko on November 21, 2005:

What development management plans does the Government currently have for protecting species at risk such as the grizzly bear and the peregrine falcon?

Sessional Paper 15/2006

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Mr. Bonko on November 21, 2005:

Which reports, consultations, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$75.6 million was the total amount needed to be allocated to forest protection for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, when the actual amount spent was \$204 million?

Sessional Paper 16/2006

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

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft on November 21, 2005:

*What groups were given invitations to the Minister's open house for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall 2004 convention on November 17, 2004 in Edmonton that cost \$6,711.11?*

Sessional Paper 17/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR44, asked for by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft on November 21, 2005:

A breakdown of the distribution of funds from the provincial \$74 million disaster recovery program announced on July 27, 2004.

Sessional Paper 18/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR46, asked for by Ms Pastoor on November 21, 2005:

*A breakdown of threshold levels and maximum cash benefits available through the Alberta Seniors Benefit program after the July 1, 2004 changes went into effect and a comparison to those in place before July 1, 2004.*

Sessional Paper 19/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR36, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 2, 2005:

Details and costs of the construction upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre for the calendar year 2004 and to March 21, 2005.

Sessional Paper 20/2006

## **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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 27 to March 2, 2006:

Monday, February 27	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 1 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, February 28	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Supplementary Supply Message <b>Government Motions</b> Motion 4, 5 <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 2 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 2 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 1	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Supplementary Estimates (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Supplementary Estimates (Day 2 of 2) Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 3 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 2	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 4 of 10) <b>Second Reading</b> As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper



## **Point of Privilege**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, indicated he did not wish to proceed with his motion under Standing Order 15.

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the ongoing reduction in funding and supports provided to individuals and families through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Stelmach speaking.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Speaker adjourned Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, February 27, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 23, 2006