



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, February 27, 2006

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating Team Canada, and in particular the Alberta athletes, on their success at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the 1909 provincial election, 82 candidates were nominated in Alberta's 41 constituencies. For the one and only time in the history of the Province of Alberta, a representative of the Socialist Party was elected. The constituency was Rocky Mountain and the new Member of the Legislative Assembly was Charles M.W. O'Brien, who was elected with 555 votes.

The Speaker quoted former Member Charles M.W. O'Brien: "I am proud to be the first political representative in this House, the embodiment of a new order of things. I am here to voice the interests of the slaves of society" (*Source: Edmonton Capitol, March 2, 1910*)

Mr. O'Brien was defeated in the 1913 election, moved to the United States, and became a founding member of the American Communist Party.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement congratulating Alberta athletes representing Canada for their successes at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding Black History Month, February 2006.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Freedom to Read Week, February 26 to March 4, 2006.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement congratulating Jennifer Heil of Spruce Grove, gold medallist in the freestyle skiing women's moguls event at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Aboriginal apprenticeships in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding labour legislation in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2005, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Fiscal Update
Sessional Paper 21/2006

Budget 2005, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 22/2006

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2005-06 Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2005
Sessional Paper 23/2006

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

Greenpeace website article, undated, entitled “Myths and facts of ‘clean coal’ technologies”

Sessional Paper 24/2006

David Suzuki Foundation website article, undated, entitled “The problem with coal”

Sessional Paper 25/2006

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

News release dated February 27, 2006, entitled “Got Good Ideas? The Tories Aren’t Interested, Bulk-purchasing of pharmaceuticals could save hundreds of millions a year, Mason says” prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition

Sessional Paper 26/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Excerpt from the Department of Gaming, 2005-06 Supplementary Supply Estimates regarding lottery funded programs

Sessional Paper 27/2006

Letter dated December 19, 2005, from John Zyp of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, describing personal experiences he has had with the Alberta health care system

Sessional Paper 28/2006

E-mail message dated February 13, 2006, from Dennis Loughlin of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that he was offered the option to pay a fee to shorten the waiting period to receive physical therapy treatments

Sessional Paper 29/2006

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 13, 2006, from Helen and Henry Vermeulen to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

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Report dated November 28, 2005, entitled “Role and Mandate Refinements for Alberta Electric Industry Implementing Agencies” prepared by Alberta Energy, and letter dated January 13, 2006, from R.D. Heggie, Executive Manager, Utilities Branch, EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board), to Kellan Fluckiger, Executive Director, Electricity Branch, Alberta Energy, commenting on the report

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Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR35, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 2, 2005:

An itemized list detailing the honoraria, speaking fees, travel, and other expenses being paid to each of the speakers and presenters to the international health symposium being held in Calgary from May 3 to 5, 2005.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ9.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Backs:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an electric high-speed rail system by 2012 with a route that would include Edmonton city centre, Edmonton International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Calgary city centre.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Agnihotri	Eggen	Pastoor
Backs	Mather	Swann
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Against the motion: 31

Abbott	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Amery	Hinman	Renner
Brown	Johnson	Rodney
Calahasen	Johnston	Rogers
Cenaiko	Knight	Stelmach
Danyluk	Liepert	Stevens
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Fritz	Magnus	Webber
Goudreau	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Griffiths		

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

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.

Mr. Liepert moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, February 27, 2006