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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, February 28, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker quoted former Member John Robert Boyle: "It is not only a privilege but a bounded duty on every Member of the House to vote according to his honest convictions and judgment, and there is nothing in our rules or constitution that I ever heard of that prevents Members from doing so." (*Source: Edmonton Bulletin, March 3, 1922*)

The Speaker commented that John Robert Boyle was born in Sykeston, Ontario in 1871 and died in Ottawa in 1936. A barrister and Edmonton Alderman, he was elected to the first Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1905 in the Sturgeon constituency as a Liberal. In 1909 he was elected by acclamation and was re-elected in 1913 and 1917. Mr. Boyle served as Deputy Speaker from 1906 to 1909, as Minister of Education from 1912 to 1918, and as Attorney General from 1918 to 1921. In the 1921 general election Mr. Boyle ran in two constituencies. He was defeated in Sturgeon but elected as one of five Members in Edmonton's multi-Member riding. Mr. Boyle was recognized as Leader of the Opposition from 1922 to 1924, then resigned to accept a judicial appointment in the trial division of the Supreme Court of Alberta. Notably, the Village of Boyle is named after him.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Victoria Holmes of Devon, the first Canadian woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean, along with her companion Paul Gleeson of Ireland.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Government's school utilization formula.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, made a statement regarding Gerald Côté of Edmonton, co-owner of Dance Central and his successful career as a professional dancer.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Hungária Gala Ball, sponsored by the Hungarian Veterans' Association, held in Calgary on February 25, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the environmental, health, and social effects of coal-bed methane drilling.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 83 Albertans urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 48 Albertans urging the Government to require school boards to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and general school services and to ensure that the necessary resources for these supplies and services are provided.

## **Notices of Motions**

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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 failure of the Government to implement or enforce controls on companies engaging in coal-bed methane exploration, which poses an immediate and pressing risk to the health, safety, and livelihoods of Albertans.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Toronto Star website article dated December 19, 2005, entitled “Public solutions to wait lists”

Sessional Paper 33/2006

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

Open letter dated February 20, 2006, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Provincial Premiers, and Leaders of the Federal Opposition Parties requesting they honour recent federal-provincial child care agreements

Sessional Paper 34/2006

Report dated January 2006 entitled “The Choice in Child Care Allowance: What You See is Not What You Get” prepared by the Caledon Institute of Social Policy

Sessional Paper 35/2006

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

Letter dated August 4, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald’s letter of July 14, 2005, concerning the proposed Montana-Alberta Tie Line Project

Sessional Paper 36/2006

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 15, 2006, from Maureen L. Towns, Director, Legislative Services Branch, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Education, to Paul Way, Alberta Liberal Caucus, denying Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request #2006-G-0001

Sessional Paper 37/2006

Report dated February 2006 entitled “How to improve Alberta’s high school completion rates - Insights from Alberta’s school trustees” prepared by the Alberta School Boards Association

Sessional Paper 38/2006

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

Report dated March 1996 entitled “Migration of Methane Into Groundwater From Leaking Production Wells Near Lloydminster” prepared by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Sessional Paper 39/2006

2 reports dated December 21, 2005, and 2 gas analyses dated September 20, 2005, prepared by Norwest Labs

Sessional Paper 40/2006

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

Letter dated February 24, 2006, from Anita Moore, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding changes to the proposed national child care program  
Sessional Paper 41/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2004/2005 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 42/2006

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ40, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on November 21, 2005:

What is the total cost associated with administering the provincial achievement exams over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 43/2006

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

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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 failure of the Government to implement or enforce controls on companies engaging in coal-bed methane exploration, which poses an immediate and pressing risk to the health, safety, and livelihoods of Albertans.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (Members standing).

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 44/2006

## **Government Motions**

4. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)**

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. Strang moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

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A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 28, 2006