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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, March 6, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member James Robert Lowery: "The greatness of Canada will not depend upon the number of her people, upon the quality of No. 1 Hard Wheat, or the fine Shorthorn cattle she raises, her greatness in the future will consist in the character of her people." (*Source: Edmonton Journal March 5, 1918*)

The Speaker then commented that James Robert Lowery was born in Campbellford, Ontario, in 1884. He studied at Queen's University and the University of Alberta where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was elected in 1913 in the Alexandra constituency as a Conservative and served until 1921. As a sitting Member serving in the armed forces during the 1917 Alberta general election, he was among 12 others automatically returned by acclamation. Mr. Lowery also served overseas in the First World War as Major, First Canadian Mounted Regiment. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917. Mr. Lowery died December 12, 1956.

Members' Statements

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding National Social Work Week, March 6-10, 2006.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal Opposition health care plan.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Great Kids Awards held on March 5, 2006, at the Fantasyland Hotel.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the 600 Albertans who were involved as cast and crew in the filming of the movie Brokeback Mountain.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding education achievement testing in Alberta schools.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following reports:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-sixth Legislature, Second Session, dated March 1, 2006

Sessional Paper 54/2006

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-sixth Legislature, First Session, March 2005 - December 2005

Sessional Paper 55/2006

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, presented a petition from over 4,500 Grande Prairie and area residents urging the Government to build a skywalk across the Highway 43 bypass in Grande Prairie.

The petition put forth by Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, was not in order to be presented.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Elaine Hyshka of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and requesting that any reforms comply with the provisions of the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 56/2006

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

2 e-mail messages dated March 1, 2006, from David Finch of Calgary to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and March 6, 2006, from Reny Miklos of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 57/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Craig Colvin of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 58/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Lauren C. Brown, B.Sc., M.Sc., ACPR, Research Associate, Institute of Health Economics, University of Alberta, expressing her opinion that the Government's proposed health care reforms will have an adverse effect on the public health care system

Sessional Paper 59/2006

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

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government's proposed health care reforms include significant consultation with Albertans at public hearings to be conducted by a Legislature committee comprised of Members of the Legislative Assembly from all parties represented in the Legislature

Sessional Paper 60/2006

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) web site news release dated February 19, 2006, entitled "Health care 'reforms' in Throne Speech need clarity, time for debate, AUPE president says"

Sessional Paper 61/2006

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) web site news release dated March 4, 2006, entitled "AUPE President asks: What's the hurry? Alberta needs more time for public consultation on health care changes"

Sessional Paper 62/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Frank Jenkins to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care in Alberta and urging the Government to recruit more doctors and nurses for the public system

Sessional Paper 63/2006

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

Information package regarding the Horizon Oil Sands Project
Sessional Paper 64/2006

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report and appendices entitled "Your City, Your Voice" dated February 2006
prepared by the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Dialogue
Sessional Paper 65/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources
and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 66/2006

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR27, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on May 2,
2005:

A copy of the October 2004 agreement between the Government and Microsoft
Inc. for the provision of Microsoft Office software to Alberta's educational
institutions *and related documents including requests for quotations, a list of
vendor applicants, and other materials.*

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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, WQ8, 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, MR19.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine)
Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a
Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Prins
on behalf of Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate patronage appointments and increase openness and accountability of Government institutions and agencies by establishing new principles and procedures for recruiting, training, and evaluating boards of directors as outlined by Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2004-2005.

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

Blakeman	Hinman	Pannu
Elsalhy	MacDonald	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Against the motion: 29

Abbott	Johnston	Rodney
Ady	Knight	Rogers
Amery	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Brown	Lund	Stelmach
Calahasen	Magnus	Stevens
Cenaiko	Melchin	Strang
Doerksen	Oberg	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Oberle	Webber
Griffiths	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Jablonski	Prins	

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 5)

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.

During debate, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, tabled a document referred to during debate on Motion Other Than Government Motion 502:

Edmonton Sun article dated February 2, 2006, entitled "Gomery likes Alberta Policy: Similar Process Recommended for Feds"

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Debate continued.

Rev. Abbott moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 6, 2006