



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing International Women's Day, March 8, 2006.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the election of 1921, Irene Parlby was elected as a Member of the United Farmers of Alberta in the constituency of Lacombe. She was to be re-elected in the elections of 1926 and 1930, and served until 1935. In 1921 Irene Parlby was appointed Minister Without Portfolio and served in that capacity until 1935. She was the first woman to be appointed to an Alberta Cabinet position. It was not until 1973 that the first woman Cabinet Minister was appointed with a full portfolio.

Helen Hunley was elected as a Progressive Conservative Member in 1971 in the constituency of Rocky Mountain House and was appointed Solicitor General in 1973. She won re-election in 1975 and served until 1979.

Irene Parlby was to play a leading role in the “persons” case. Helen Hunley was appointed Alberta’s 12th Lieutenant Governor in 1985, the first woman appointed to that position in Alberta, and served until 1991.

Irene Parlby died on July 12, 1965; Helen Hunley lives in semi-retirement in Alberta.

Members’ Statements

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 8-14, 2006.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the heroic efforts of Audrey Hochhausen, Amanda Garneau, Susan Yacyna, and Karen Bibaud who came to the aid of an ailing person during an event at St. Benedict Elementary School in Leduc on February 24, 2006.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement regarding Amanda Ammar of Onoway, who represented Canada in cross country skiing at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the importance of well-supported child care programs in Alberta.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Alberta’s youth networks.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the importance of public consultation in health care reforms.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish a committee for the purposes of holding public hearings in all regions of the province on the Government’s “Health Policy Framework” (February 2006) and, further, that the committee should:

- a) include committee members from each of the parties represented in the Legislature,
- b) have the authority to hold public meetings and establish other parameters for an open and transparent public hearing process,

- c) report on its findings at the Fall 2006 Session of the Legislative Assembly, and, further, that no legislation implementing the Government's so-called "Third Way" in health reform is introduced to the Legislative Assembly until the committee's work is completed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 84/2006

Letter dated February 22, 2006, from Jim Sexsmith of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding a lack of low-income housing for seniors and veterans

Sessional Paper 85/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 86/2006

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 87/2006

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

Letter dated March 8, 2006, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inviting Hon. Mr. Klein to participate in a televised all-party debate concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 88/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Marc Brisbane of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of comments made by Mr. Brisbane to the Alberta Health and Wellness web site concerning the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 89/2006

E-mail message dated March 5, 2006, from Denis Arrowchaser to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 90/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, during Oral Question Period on March 6, 2006

Sessional Paper 91/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 92/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 93/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Protection of Persons in Care Report dated February 28, 2006, concerning Jean M. Warden, prepared by Alberta Seniors and Community Supports with attached response dated March 8, 2006 from Robert Warden

Sessional Paper 94/2006

Letter dated February 21, 2006, from Gail Davis, CEO, Alberta Association of Rehabilitation Centres (AARC) and Bill Winship, Vice President, AARC, and Chair, AARC Social Action Committee, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the method used to fund disability services and requesting the opportunity to work with the Government to resolve these funding issues

Sessional Paper 95/2006

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

The Daily news release dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Women in Canada" prepared by Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 96/2006

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish a committee for the purposes of holding public hearings in all regions of the province on the Government's "Health Policy Framework" (February 2006) and, further, that the committee should:

- a) include committee members from each of the parties represented in the Legislature,
- b) have the authority to hold public meetings and establish other parameters for an open and transparent public hearing process,
- c) report on its findings at the Fall 2006 Session of the Legislative Assembly, and, further, that no legislation implementing the Government's so-called "Third Way" in health reform is introduced to the Legislative Assembly until the committee's work is completed.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Interim Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$344,700,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$17,400,000

Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$832,400,000
Capital Investment	\$207,800,000

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the approved Interim Supply Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 97/2006

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Marz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

Support to the Legislative Assembly

Expense	\$12,000,000
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Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,500,000
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Office of the Ombudsman

Expense	\$600,000
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense	\$700,000
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner	
Expense	\$100,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	
Expense	\$1,100,000
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$9,200,000
Agriculture, Food and Rural Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$177,100,000
Children's Services	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$224,500,000
Community Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$93,600,000
Capital Investment	\$2,800,000
Economic Development	
Expense	\$17,200,000
Education	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$637,400,000
Energy	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$74,600,000
Environment	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,700,000
Executive Council	
Expense	\$4,300,000
Finance	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$21,600,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$11,000,000
Gaming	
Expense	\$38,400,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$328,200,000
Government Services	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$18,300,000

Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,291,700,000
Capital Investment	\$5,400,000

Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$137,100,000
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Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$36,100,000
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International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,800,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$81,600,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,300,000
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Restructuring and Government Efficiency

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$63,900,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$488,300,000
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Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$110,100,000
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Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$43,800,000
Capital Investment	\$5,600,000

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the approved Interim Supply Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 98/2006

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 8, 2006