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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, March 13, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that from Tony Blair to Winston Churchill to Benjamin Disraeli to Lord Palmerston, parliamentarians in the British House of Commons have always had a need to sit while in Committee and in the Commons. The chair to my left is an original chair from Westminster. The chair design, done by Augustus Welby Pugin, dates from about 1845 and has remained unaltered to this day. If this chair could talk, it could tell us about all wars the British people have been in since Crimea, the creation of the British Empire, and developments in the United Kingdom and the world over the past 161 years. This chair will soon be returned to the British House of Commons.

To my right is an identical copy of the original Westminster chair. As an Alberta Legislative Assembly centennial project, three dozen Westminster chairs were expertly built by skilled and dedicated craftsmen of the province's Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation. These new chairs are intended to last well over 100 years. Individually numbered, the Chairs will be placed in the three lobbies of this parliament. They will serve as a visible and practical reminder of our valued connection with the mother of parliaments at the Palace of Westminster.

I would like to thank the Minister and the outstanding craftsmen for their support of this project.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 10-26, 2006 and the sash worn by les Coureurs des bois.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding a post-secondary education common application system being developed by the Department of Advanced Education.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, on winning a Soroptimist International of the Americas Making a Difference for Women award.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent meetings held in the Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement outlining ideas to decrease taxes in Alberta.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of several Members elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

6 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 116/2006

8 recent e-mail messages and 1 presentation from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the potential closure of Jerry Potts Elementary School and the english program at Varsity Acres Elementary School, both located in the Calgary-Varsity constituency, based on the requirements of Alberta Infrastructure's school space utilization formula

Sessional Paper 117/2006

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

Letter dated February 16, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated February 2, 2006, requesting information concerning the manner in which Canadian Income Stabilization program overpayments are collected

Sessional Paper 118/2006

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

2 letters, the first dated February 28, 2006, from Tammy Stromberg of Edmonton and the second dated March 7, 2006, from Laura Chutny of St. Albert, both to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 119/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

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 120/2006

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

Petition signed by 52 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding to allow Alberta Works income support benefit levels to be increased

Sessional Paper 121/2006

6 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 122/2006

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 123/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

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 124/2006

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Nella Callihoo to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Nella Callihoo to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 125/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Ted Bishop of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requesting detailed information concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 126/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from Hugh Critchley of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 127/2006

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 128/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Emily Brodeur to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 129/2006

6 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 130/2006

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

Martha's Monthly article dated March 2006, untitled, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 131/2006

Guardian Newspapers Limited web site article dated March 10, 2006, entitled "NHS (National Health Service) forced to fix bungled private sector hip replacement operations" written by Sarah Boseley, Health Editor

Sessional Paper 132/2006

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Heather Mackay, M.S.W., R.S.W., Edmonton Pro-choice Coalition, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the intent of Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act

Sessional Paper 133/2006

Letter dated March 13, 2006, from Stacey Ursulescu, Communications Coordinator, Canadian Youth for Choice, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the intent of Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act

Sessional Paper 134/2006

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 135/2006

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 136/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

The Council of Commonwealth Societies news release dated March 13, 2006, from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II entitled "Health and Vitality, The Commonwealth Challenge, A message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth"

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ2. Moved by Dr. Miller:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the use of Provincial Protection Officers for traffic safety enforcement on primary highways under the direction of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were conducted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security prior to the implementation of the pilot project?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.

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, MR20, MR21.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

The Committee's recommendation on deferral of consideration of Bill 201 was agreed to.

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled a copy of a resolution agreed to by Committee of the Whole, which reads as follows:

Be it resolved that when the Committee rises and reports, it recommends to the Assembly that consideration of Bill 201, Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006, be deferred until April 3, 2006, or until the first day for consideration of Private Members' business after that date.

Sessional Paper 138/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act — Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act, 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.

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

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Danyluk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, municipal governments, and community organizations to develop mechanisms to formally consult the youth of Alberta on issues that affect their future.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 9)

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, on March 15, 2006, welcome to the floor of the House a former Member, Mr. Ray Speaker, to address this Assembly to mark the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the convening of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 15, 1906.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- 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 22 Appropriation (Interim 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 10:22 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 13, 2006