



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member Roy Alexander Farran: "We of the commonwealth of nations are justifiably proud of the system we've inherited: a symbolic head of state in the Crown which continues on forever and is not subject to the whims of parties in power of elected parliaments, appointed judges who then become unassailable by the politicians, courts of appeal, civic rights and a vast body of law." (*Source: Alberta Hansard, 18th Legislature, 2nd Session, March 8, 1976*)

The Speaker then commented that Roy Alexander Farran was born January 2, 1921, in England and spent his youth in India. A Major in the British Army, he retired in 1948. He is probably the most decorated man to have served in the Alberta Legislature. Military honours bestowed upon Mr. Farran include the Croix d'Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, the British Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, the U.S. Legion of Merit, the Italian Gold Medal, and the Greek War Medal.

Mr. Farran arrived in Alberta post-World War II, already an accomplished fiction and nonfiction writer. He arrived here to work with the Calgary Herald and to establish the North Hill News as owner and publisher. He was an Alderman for the City of Calgary from 1961 to 1971.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Calgary-North Hill in 1971 as a Progressive Conservative and was re-elected in 1975. Mr. Farran was Minister of Telephones and Utilities from 1973 to 1975 and Solicitor General from 1975 to 1979. He is the author of seven books including the classic “Winged Dagger: Adventures on Special Service” published by Collins in London in 1948. Roy Farran is retired and currently lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the grand opening of the new Acme Community Centre following its destruction by fire in 2004.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer College Kings men’s volleyball team on winning their seventh consecutive national championship.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Commonwealth Day, March 13, 2006.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding Charley Thomas, Geoff Walker, Rollie Robinson, and Kyle Reynolds, provincial and national junior curling champions from the Grande Prairie Curling Club who are representing Canada at the World Junior Curling Championship in South Korea.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta Pandas women’s hockey team on winning their fifth Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championship on March 12, 2006.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for a Government commitment to high-quality, non-profit child care.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 177 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 9, 2006, from Donald E. Moreau of St. Albert to Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to the requirement for seniors to incur the cost of a medical examination in order to obtain a driver’s licence

Sessional Paper 139/2006

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

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from Fouad Ammar of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to private health care

Sessional Paper 140/2006

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 141/2006

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

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 142/2006

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

Letter dated January 23, 2006, from Roger S. Smith, Board Chair, Winspear Foundation, and Martin Garber-Conrad, Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Community Foundation, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, with attached report entitled "Winspear Emergency Fund Disbursement Report, November to May 2005"

Sessional Paper 143/2006

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 144/2006

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

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 145/2006

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

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 146/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from John Hartley to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 147/2006

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

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006
— Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

Mr. Agnihotri 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 18 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 21 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Mr. Lougheed

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Shariff

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Agnihotri, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 149/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 14, 2006