



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that as of June 1, 1972, the Legislative Assembly Act addressed the actual tenure of the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Since that time the Leader was the Leader on a full-time basis unlike the practice which existed from 1906 to 1971.

Former Premier, Harry E. Strom, Social Credit representing Cypress served in 1972. In 1973 James D. Henderson, Social Credit representing Wetaskiwin-Leduc served for a brief period before Robert C. Clark, Social Credit, representing Olds-Didsbury was elected Leader. Mr. Clark served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1973 to 1980. In 1980 Raymond A. Speaker, Social Credit representing Little Bow became the Leader and served to 1982. Grant Notley, New Democratic Party representing the constituency of Spirit River-Fairview served as the Opposition Leader in 1983 and 1984. Following Mr. Notley's untimely death, the current Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, a Member of the New Democratic Party representing Edmonton-Norwood, assumed the position and served from 1984 to 1993. Laurence Decore, a Liberal representing Edmonton-Glengarry served in 1993 and 1994 when D. Grant Mitchell became the new Liberal Leader. Mr. Mitchell served as Leader of

the Official Opposition from 1994 to 1998. From July 7, 1998 to March 12, 2001, Nancy J. MacBeth, a Liberal representing the constituency of Edmonton-McClung served as the Leader. In 2001 Dr. Ken Nicol, Liberal representing Lethbridge-East became Leader and served in that capacity to March 27, 2004, when the current Member for Edmonton-Riverview, a Liberal, assumed the position.

Alberta has had 28 different Leaders of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, 16 Lieutenant Governors, and 12 Premiers. One, E. Peter Lougheed, was to be elected Premier of the Province of Alberta in Alberta's first 100 years. Four were to become Lieutenant Governors of Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Alberta Association of Community Living and its annual family conference recently held in Edmonton.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Challenge North 2006 Conference with the theme "Today's Promise, Tomorrow's Reality" to be held April 5-7, 2006 in High Level.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Catherine Druhall, a constituent who recently passed away.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 2006 CIS Men's Ice Hockey Championship (Telus University Cup) being held at the Clare Drake Arena in Edmonton from March 23-26, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2006 as World Water Day.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 51 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

17 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 218/2006

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

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 219/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

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 220/2006

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

Letter dated March 15, 2006, unsigned, from Jan Ardis of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the financial issues faced by persons with developmental disabilities and requesting an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 221/2006

5 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 222/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Carolyn Pogue of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care plans

Sessional Paper 223/2006

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:51 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Budget Address

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

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

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2006-07 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2006-07 Government Estimates, fiscal and business plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Prior to moving Government Motion 16, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2006-07 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 224/2006

2006-07 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 225/2006

Budget 06 Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 226/2006

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 06 Business Plans
Sessional Paper 227/2006

16. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Dr. Taft moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Drug-endangered Children Act, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 6

Blakeman	Eggen	Pannu
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas

Against the motion: 29

Boutilier	Hinman	Mitzel
Cao	Horner	Morton
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberle
Evans	Knight	Pham
Forsyth	Liepert	Prins
Graydon	Lindsay	Renner
Groeneveld	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Haley	Mar	Swann
Hancock	McClellan	Tarchuk
Herard	McFarland	

The question for Third Reading of Bill 2, Drug-endangered Children Act being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 23 Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Ms Haley, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Minister of Community Development) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 228/2006

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 229/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 22, 2006