



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 20

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Tuesday, April 4, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that the first provincial election held in Alberta on November 9, 1905, was governed by the regulations in the Ordinances of the North-West Territories. It was not until 1909 that the province enacted its own election legislation with An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly. This Act, like its predecessor, indicated the Clerk of the Executive Council was responsible for overseeing the administration of general elections in the province.

The responsibility for administering general elections in Alberta remained with the Clerk of the Executive Council until the Election Statutes Amendment Act, 1972. Under this new legislation, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a non-partisan Officer of the Assembly, took on the administrative responsibilities associated with elections. This legislative change coincided with an administrative change which saw the appointment of two different individuals to the position of Clerk of the Executive Council and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Although the two roles themselves were always distinct, it was the practice in Alberta from 1935 to 1973 to have the same individual serve in both offices concurrently.

It was not until 1977 that legislation came into effect to create an Officer of the Legislature, the Chief Electoral Officer. Appointed by a special committee of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer continues to administer all by-elections and general elections for the Province of Alberta.

Since 1977, four individuals have occupied the role of Chief Electoral Officer: Kenneth Wark, 1977 to 1985, Patrick Ledgerwood, 1985 to 1994, Dermot Whelan, 1994 to 1998, and O. Brian Fjeldheim, 1998 to 2005. The Legislative Assembly of Alberta will soon deal with the appointment of Alberta's fifth Chief Electoral Officer.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the success of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Family Law Act.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding infrastructure needs in Fort McMurray.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding political parties.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 30th Canadian Senior Broomball Championships held in Leduc from March 27 to April 1, 2006.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding new projects and services provided by the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC).

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 16 Red Deer and area residents regarding effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Shauna Warrilow of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, suggesting there are not enough nurses to support both the public and proposed private health care systems  
Sessional Paper 272/2006

Letter, undated, from Cheryl Touchings of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding private health insurance and doctors being allowed to work in both the public and proposed private health care systems  
Sessional Paper 273/2006

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

Letter dated January 11, 2006, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, attaching information requested regarding services provided to Alberta Finance by Rod Love Consulting Inc. for the period 2001-2005  
Sessional Paper 274/2006

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

Letter dated March 29, 2006, unsigned, from Sherry Ewing of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding kindergarten funding, school infrastructure, and the teachers' unfunded pension liability  
Sessional Paper 275/2006

Document dated March 27, 2006, regarding alternative energy sources, prepared by Rod E. McConnell of Edmonton  
Sessional Paper 276/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Ileene Breton of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching a letter, undated, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, both expressing concern regarding health care  
Sessional Paper 277/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Joan Buhr to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's Third Way health proposal  
Sessional Paper 278/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Brian Burke of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to privatizing the health care system  
Sessional Paper 279/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Dave Burkhart of St. Albert to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework and the destruction of the public health care system

Sessional Paper 280/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from S. Burrows of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to maintain a publicly-funded health care system

Sessional Paper 281/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Elizabeth Carmichael of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health insurance

Sessional Paper 282/2006

E-mail message dated March 9, 2006, from Catherine Carson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health insurance and private health care

Sessional Paper 283/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Aaron Chubb of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding health care funding

Sessional Paper 284/2006

Letter dated March 5, 2006, unsigned, from Darrell Clarkson of Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the health care system with attached document entitled "The Future of Public Health Care in Alberta, A Proposal" prepared by Darrell Clarkson

Sessional Paper 285/2006

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

7 cancelled Land Titles Certificates for legal description SE 9-52-25-W4

Sessional Paper 286/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 882132665

Sessional Paper 287/2006

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 16, 2000, entitled "New documents show middleman assisted in 1994 WEM (West Edmonton Mall) refinancing"

Sessional Paper 288/2006

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

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Judge D.C. Norheim, Provincial Court of Alberta, dated March 10, 2006, in the matter between Her Majesty the Queen and Kipp Kelley

Sessional Paper 289/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Sandra Stadnek of Wetaskiwin to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework  
Sessional Paper 290/2006

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

Letter dated March 23, 2006, from Rashpal S. Sehmy of Edmonton to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding private health care  
Sessional Paper 291/2006

### **Speaker's Statement - Order Paper Modification**

Honourable Members, before calling Orders of the Day, I would like to draw your attention to the Order Paper. There is a slight change in today's Order Paper. Bill 15, International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act, now in Committee of the Whole and introduced by the former Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, now appears under the name of the Acting Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main 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. Webber reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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	\$45,936,000
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##### **Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$19,166,000
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**Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$2,327,000

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense \$2,515,000

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense \$410,000

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense \$4,510,000

**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,911,905,000

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:15 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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 Department and purposes indicated:

**Energy**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$132,239,000

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 Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 4, 2006