



**Legislative Assembly  
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, April 5, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that E. Peter Lougheed was the only Official Opposition Leader in Alberta's first 100 years to become Premier. Four former Official Opposition Leaders were to become Lieutenant Governors.

John C. Bowen served as Lieutenant Governor from 1937 to 1950. He served as a Liberal MLA for Edmonton from 1921 to 1926 and was not re-elected in 1926. Mr. Bowen's tenure was the longest of any 20th century Lieutenant Governor in Canada. He died in Edmonton on January 2, 1957, at age 84.

John J. Bowlen served as Lieutenant Governor from 1950 to 1959. He was first elected in the 1930 election as a Liberal representing Calgary, was re-elected in 1935, then ran as an Independent in 1940 and was re-elected. He was defeated in 1944. During his term he was referred to as the "Vice Regal Cowboy." He died in Edmonton on December 16, 1959, at age 83.

J. Percy Page served as Lieutenant Governor from 1959 to 1966. He was elected as an Independent in Edmonton in 1940, re-elected in 1944, defeated in 1948, and in 1952 was elected as a Member of the Progressive Conservative Party as he was again in the 1955 election. He was defeated in the 1959 election. Perhaps Mr. Page is best known as the coach of the Edmonton Grads basketball team, which was famous internationally. He died in Edmonton on March 2, 1973, at 84 years of age.

J. W. Grant MacEwan served as Lieutenant Governor from 1966 to 1974. He was elected as a Liberal in 1955 in Calgary and was defeated in the 1959 election. Dr. MacEwan was well known as an agriculturist, popular historian, educator, public speaker, conservationist, and author of a multitude of books. He died in Calgary on June 15, 2000, at the age of 97.

Of Alberta's 16 Lieutenant Governors, four were former Leaders of the Official Opposition. A fifth, Helen Hunley, was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement congratulating the Enoch Cree Nation on the upcoming opening of the River Cree Resort and Casino.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the Wetaskiwin and County Sports Hall of Fame on holding its inaugural induction dinner on March 18, 2006.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement congratulating the University of Calgary on its 40th anniversary as an autonomous university.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement outlining recent Alberta Liberal Caucus efforts in the area of governance and democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Joseph Anthony (Tony) Mercredi, former Chief of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, who passed away on April 2, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed Health Policy Framework.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 304 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 96 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 116 Edmonton and area residents 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.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 119 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.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 119 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.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, presented a petition from 116 Calgary 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.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 106 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

The petition put forth by Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, was not in order to be presented.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 3, 2006, from Isabel M. to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government’s proposed health care reforms on economically disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 292/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, unsigned, from Blayne Newton of Edmonton to Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, attaching a See Magazine article dated March 9, 2006, entitled “Alberta’s Chicken Little, After all these years, why run into Foxy Loxy’s jaws?”

Sessional Paper 293/2006

Letter, undated, from Don Ronaghan of St. Paul to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching 2 letters dated March 11, 2006, from Mr. Ronaghan to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inquiring into the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 294/2006

Document dated March 3, 2006, outlining proposals to improve the public health care system, prepared by Marty Richardson

Sessional Paper 295/2006

Poem entitled "Privatization: the ready solution" written by Cec Race of Leduc

Sessional Paper 296/2006

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Walter Procter of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of comments submitted by Mr. Procter to a CFCN TV poll regarding the Government's proposed Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 297/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from David R. Pearce of Edmonton to the Edmonton Journal, commenting on an Edmonton Journal article dated March 4, 2006, concerning public health care, with an attached Official Opposition of Alberta article dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Klein's Way for Health a Road to Disaster" prepared by Josh Stewart, Media Liaison

Sessional Paper 298/2006

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Ray Palmer to Gerri Kleim, Liberal Communications Branch, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Mr. Palmer to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to private health care and to allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 299/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Mike O'Reilly to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, and Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on seniors and economically disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 300/2006

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

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 992211106

Sessional Paper 301/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 972225161

Sessional Paper 302/2006

2 Land Titles Certificates and 1 cancelled Land Titles Certificate for legal description SE 9-52-25-W4

Sessional Paper 303/2006

Alberta Corporate Registration System Corporation/Non-Profit Search dated March 31, 2006, concerning Galfour Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 304/2006

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

Sessional Paper 305/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2006, from Pierre Gosselin of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait-times in the health care system

Sessional Paper 306/2006

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Elisabeth Ballermann to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 307/2006

E-mail message dated April 3, 2006, from Lucia Teixeira to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 308/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Vinay Jhass to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 309/2006

Letter dated March 8, 2006, from Lorna Berlinguette of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding violence against indigenous women and urging the Government to develop an action plan to more effectively deal with the issue

Sessional Paper 310/2006

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Petition signed by 15,297 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to provide funding for radiation therapy in Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 311/2006

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the  
Legislature Report Card 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 312/2006

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Document, undated, entitled “WHO (World Health Organization) Report on  
Private Health Spending in Europe”

Sessional Paper 313/2006

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed 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:

#### **Infrastructure and Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,593,312,000
Capital Investment	\$1,089,590,000

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called  
5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m.  
it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 4 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy 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:

**Executive Council**

Expense	\$25,294,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 5, 2006