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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, April 6, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that today, four Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly will be appointed to Cabinet, or Executive Council, of Alberta for the first time. Their tenure as a Minister will begin immediately upon the administering of the Oath of Office. Such has not always been the case in Alberta.

If you had been appointed to the provincial Cabinet following the 1905 election and you were re-elected in the 1909 election, you could continue to hold a Cabinet position. However, if you were an MLA appointed to Cabinet for the first time in the post-1909 period, you had to return to your constituency and be re-elected in a by-election. By way of an example, D.M. Marshall was elected as a Liberal Member for Olds in the general election of March 22, 1909. He was nominated for the position of Minister of Agriculture, returned to his constituency, then was re-elected in a by-election held on November 23, 1909. This practice was to continue following the general elections of 1913, 1917, and 1921. It was discontinued following the election of 1926.

During the time between the elections of 1909 and 1926, 14 such by-elections were held. Five were held in the post-1909 period, one was held in the post-1913 period, three were held in the post-1917 period, and five were held in the post-1921 period. All new appointees were successful in their by-election bids and subsequently served as Ministers of the Crown.

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing Tartan Day, April 6, 2006.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement congratulating Finola Hackett of Tofield, two-time CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee Champion.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the population increase in Calgary and the need to fund more infrastructure.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding child care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed changes to the health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 294 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 221 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 213 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 100 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. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 150 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.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 114 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 98 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.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 67 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 302 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.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 10, 2006:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act,
2006 — Dr. Morton

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Rodney

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 16, 2006, from Stuart Millman of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to a two-tier health care system

Sessional Paper 314/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Jonathan Lytton of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to for-profit health care and the elimination of procedures covered by public health care

Sessional Paper 315/2006

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Matthew Smith of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of a letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, suggesting the Government reconsider its approach to improving the health care system

Sessional Paper 316/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Donna Sahuri to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait-times for surgery

Sessional Paper 317/2006

E-mail message dated February 28, 2006, from Danny Sutherland to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 318/2006

E-mail message dated March 20, 2006, from Lois and Frank Meunier of Edmonton to Gerri Kleim, Liberal Correspondence Branch, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 319/2006

E-mail message dated March 29, 2006, from Elisa Sereno-Janz and Tim Janz to Gerri Kleim, Liberal Correspondence Branch, expressing opposition to paying for medical services

Sessional Paper 320/2006

Document, undated, from Janet Carruthers to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 321/2006

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 10 to 13, 2006:

Monday, April 10	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 15, 16, 20 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 11	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24) Environment (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 7 of 24) Municipal Affairs Second Reading Bill 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 12	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24) Advanced Education (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Committee of the Whole

Bill 10, 14, 21

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 13

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24)

Children's Services (Designated)

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — 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 Rev. Abbott 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:

Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$790,278,000
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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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, April 10, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 6, 2006