



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, April 10, 2006

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

### **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker quoted former Member Dr. Hugh M. Horner: "There have been significant extensions in the amount of time and effort required by an MLA. The very nature of the expansion and growth of Alberta has expanded those duties. The nature of modern government has expanded those duties. The modern communications age has expanded those duties. I think that has been very useful expansion, and I think a very good thing for democracy that we, in fact, do have a much closer contact with our constituents because of modern communications." (Source: Alberta Hansard, 17th Legislature, 1st Session, November 2, 1972)

Dr. Hugh M. Horner was the federal Member of Parliament for Jasper-Edson from 1958 to 1967. He was elected as the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne in 1967 as a Member of the Official Opposition and served as Opposition House Leader and Chairman of the Rural Development Cabinet Committee. He was re-elected in 1971, 1975, and 1979 in the constituency of Barrhead. He resigned in September 1979. Among the portfolios held by Dr. Horner, in addition to being Deputy Premier, was that of Minister of Agriculture, the portfolio currently held by his son, the Honourable Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert. Dr. Horner died on March 25, 1997.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding child access exchange centres.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Una MacLean Evans of Edmonton-Gold Bar who celebrated her 80th birthday on March 11, 2006.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the participants of a 36-hour soccer game played on April 8-9, 2006, in Edmonton in an attempt to set a record for playing the world's longest soccer game and to raise funds for the Mill Woods Youth Centre.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the need for adequate before and after school care in Alberta.

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

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding British Columbia's Citizens' Assembly.

## **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 11 Albertans 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 104 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 98 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 32 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. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 28 Albertans 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.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:  
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. VanderBurg as Deputy Chair  
that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Oberle  
that Dr. Brown be added

on the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:  
that Mr. Johnston replace Mr. McFarland

on the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:  
that Mr. Strang become Deputy Chair  
that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Ducharme

on the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing:  
that Mr. Oberle replace Mr. Groeneveld

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills:  
that Mr. Webber replace Mr. VanderBurg  
that Mr. Rogers replace Mr. Oberle

on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services:  
that Mr. Knight become Deputy Chair  
that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Horner  
that Mr. Lukaszuk replace Mr. McFarland.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —  
Mr. Mitzel

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and  
notice having been given:

Bill 33 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon.  
Mrs. McClellan

Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the following Bill was  
placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —  
Mr. Mitzel

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

2 petitions signed by approximately 20,000 Albertans urging the Solicitor General  
to revoke the bail of four youths charged in the death of Stefan William Conley  
on March 2, 2006

Sessional Paper 322/2006

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, on behalf of  
Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:

Report dated April 2006 entitled “Standard for Baseline Water-well Testing for  
Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Operations” prepared by the Government  
of Alberta

Sessional Paper 323/2006

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

Copy of page 3218 of the Alberta Gazette dated August 15, 1981, outlining  
Ministerial Order 83/81 concerning the sale of land in a restricted development  
area

Sessional Paper 324/2006

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as 992086220

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Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered  
as 992086598

Sessional Paper 326/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 e-mail messages dated March 10, 2006, from David L. Fleiger, the first to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the second to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, both concerning comments made by Hon. Ms Evans regarding private health care services currently being offered in Quebec

Sessional Paper 327/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Roxanne Felix to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching the text of a response received by Ms Felix from the Alberta Connects website concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 328/2006

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from R.W. Evans to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on economically disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 329/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Hank Espeseth to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and attaching the text of an e-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Espeseth responding to an earlier e-mail message from Mr. Espeseth

Sessional Paper 330/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Diann Duthie to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Ms Duthie to Dr. Gimbel comparing her experiences with eye surgery in the public and private health care systems

Sessional Paper 331/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Lana and Andy Dong of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 332/2006

E-mail message dated March 15, 2006, from Harvey Dick and Laurette Lund to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing concern that privatization of health care will not decrease costs in the public health care system

Sessional Paper 333/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Melanie Crisfield to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 334/2006

E-mail message dated March 4, 2006, from T. and E. Cliff to Hon. Mr. Klein,  
Premier, commenting on the Government's proposed health care reforms  
Sessional Paper 335/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 30, 2006, from Michelle Chaloner to Mrs. Mather,  
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the  
Government's proposed health care reforms  
Sessional Paper 336/2006

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

Letter, undated, from Judith Da Silva to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with  
developmental disabilities  
Sessional Paper 337/2006

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 3, 2006, from The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime  
Minister, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, outlining the Federal Government's current  
priorities and commenting on the Health Policy Framework as it relates to the  
Canada Health Act  
Sessional Paper 338/2006

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

Letter dated March 28, 2006, from E.P. Ellis of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to private health care and  
doctors being allowed to work in both the public and the proposed private health  
care systems  
Sessional Paper 339/2006

E-mail message dated March 31, 2006, from Valerie Shell to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the decrease in  
funding to programs supported by Persons with Developmental Disabilities  
Sessional Paper 340/2006

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

Letter dated March 17, 2006, from Anne McCracken of Edmonton to Hon.  
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed  
health care reforms, particularly the potential effect of NAFTA (North American  
Free Trade Agreement) and the implications of allowing doctors to work in both  
the public and the proposed private health care systems  
Sessional Paper 341/2006

Letter dated January 13, 2005, from Fred Depencier, Manager, Information and Privacy, Alberta Gaming, to Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to a FOIP request by Mr. Tougas relating to services provided for Alberta Gaming by Rod Love Consulting Incorporated  
Sessional Paper 342/2006

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

5 recent letters from organizations to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing support for Bill 206, Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act and offering their facilities as potential child access exchange centres

Sessional Paper 343/2006

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

Honourable Members, before calling Orders of the Day, I would once again like to draw your attention to the Order Paper. There are some modifications in today's Order Paper to reflect various appointments and resignations that took place last week. Bill 12, Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006, currently at Third Reading stage and introduced by the former Minister of Government Services, now appears under the name of the new Minister of Government Services. 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 was changed April 4, 2006, to reflect the name of the acting Minister. The Bill now appears under the name of the new Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Motions Other Than Government Motions 520, 544, and 577 have also been withdrawn to reflect the appointment of the Hon. Member for Whitecourt -Ste. Anne and the Hon. Member for Little Bow to Executive Council.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 —  
Mr. Johnson

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 206 Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act — Ms DeLong

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**506.** Moved by Mr. Mitzel:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote the use of Highway 41, up to and including Highway 63, from Wildhorse to Fort McMurray, as an alternate north-south transportation corridor from the United States.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.



## **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:

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 10, 2006