



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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

### **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on seven occasions in the history of the Alberta Legislative Assembly, strangers, that is, individuals other than Members or Officers of the Assembly, have been given permission to attend and address our Assembly on the floor.

In 1935 William Aberhart spoke to the Assembly about the Douglas Social Credit plan before he became a Member and Premier of the province later that same year. In 1997 wheelchair athlete and fundraiser Rick Hansen addressed the Assembly on the 10th anniversary of his Man in Motion World Tour. Daniel Novak, Page Speech Competition winner, read his entry to the Assembly in 1999. In 2002 Prince Michael of Kent, cousin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, addressed the House on the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebration. In 2005 the Honourable Sam Lieberman spoke on behalf of the province's Second World War veterans on the 60th Anniversary of VE Day. On May 24, 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, delivered the first address by a reigning monarch to the Assembly and on March 15, 2006, Ray Speaker presented an address on behalf of all former Members.

Shortly the Assembly will be asked to give permission to allow Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, to attend and address the Alberta Legislative Assembly on May 4, 2006.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing April 23-29, 2006, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating the Canadian Federation of Independent Business on its 35th anniversary.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the High River and District Health Foundation on its 20th anniversary.

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement recognizing the 134 finalists of the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement outlining concerns regarding the environmental impact of industrial development in Alberta.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding a recent MoneySense Magazine poll recognizing Lloydminster as the third best place to live in Canada.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the many attractions in the constituency of Cardston-Taber-Warner.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 206 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. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 202 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. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 205 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 110 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 208 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 204 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 108 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 228 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.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board, Annual Report For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 363/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 364/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 365/2006

Alberta Finance contracts policy, effective January 1, 2006

Sessional Paper 366/2006

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

Results of a “Third Way” health care survey dated April 6, 2006, prepared by Viewpoints Research

Sessional Paper 367/2006

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

Letter dated April 3, 2006, from William D. Thomas of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed “Third Way” health care reforms and urging the Government to improve the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 368/2006

Letter dated March 31, 2006, from Carolyn Campbell of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, urging the Government to improve the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 369/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 10, 2006, from Donna Thompson to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding a decision to remove the librarian position at her children’s school because of a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 370/2006

E-mail message dated March 29, 2006, from Janna Stirling Gilchrist to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, urging the Government to maintain the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 371/2006

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice P.J. McIntyre, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, dated August 12, 2005, in the matter between Her Majesty the Queen and Nicholas Cypui Chan

Sessional Paper 372/2006

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Alberta Education news release dated April 7, 2006, entitled "2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards (2006) finalists recognized" and Edmonton Journal advertisement dated April 7, 2006, listing the 134 finalists for the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Sessional Paper 373/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Pat Boehm of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's "Third Way" health care proposal

Sessional Paper 374/2006

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from Desiree Bauer, Licensed BTSA Practitioner, Synapses: Brain Based Thinking, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and requesting their withdrawal

Sessional Paper 375/2006

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Diana M. Bacon to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, 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 376/2006

E-mail message dated March 4, 2006, from Scott Babcock to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, asking why there are only three adult hospitals in Calgary

Sessional Paper 377/2006

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Dale L. Watson to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care and urging the Government to increase funding for the public health care system by redistributing the tax burden to wealthier Albertans

Sessional Paper 378/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Paul Ammann to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of an e-mail message from Mr. Ammann to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 379/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from Bill Alton of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing several concerns regarding the privatization of health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 380/2006

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Allison Akgungor to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, attaching the text of comments she provided to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 381/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from "ACP" to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, outlining suggestions to improve the public health care system

Sessional Paper 382/2006

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 8 — 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. Johnston 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:

#### **Advanced Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,068,035,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$103,900,000

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Oberle 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:

### **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$691,795,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Hon. Mrs. McClellan 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 21 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Mr. Lougheed

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

Mr. Oberle, 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 10 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul on March 21, 2006) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 383/2006

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 384/2006

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 385/2006

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:46 p.m. until Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 12, 2006