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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, April 13, 2006

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

Deputy Speaker's Comment

The Deputy Speaker quoted former Member Samuel Barnes: "This is the people's forum. It is the debating chamber wherein proposed legislation must be studied, analysed, and debated. The people have a right to know all sides of these discussions. If this province is to be properly governed the greatest freedom of debate must take place within this chamber before the public." (Source: Edmonton Bulletin, August 27, 1936)

These words come from Samuel Augustus Gordon Barnes who was first elected as a Social Credit Member for Edmonton in the August 22, 1935 general election. Prior to becoming a Member he was an Edmonton school board trustee for 23 years and was President of the Labour Party of Edmonton in 1921. In 1940 he ran under the banner of the Independent Progressives and was not re-elected. He died on April 14, 1941.

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing National Soil Conservation Week, April 16 to 22, 2006.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing April 13, 2006 as Khalsa Day, or Vaisakhi, an important event in the Sikh community.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Olympic, Paralympic, and Athlete of the Year Salute held in Calgary on April 12, 2006.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement urging the Minister of Children's Services to defend the federal child care agreement.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding public confidence in the justice system and the need to review parole guidelines and sentencing trends.

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the need for a water-use management program.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, presented a petition from 17 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.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, presented a petition from 72 Hinton 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. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 1,007 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. Oberg, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition from 23 Tilley and Brooks 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.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 203 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. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, 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.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 600 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. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 114 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation allowing parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and to fund urgently required youth drug treatment.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 199 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 64 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. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 407 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.

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 24, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ15, WQ29.

Motions for Returns: MR26.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill Pr4 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2006 —
Ms DeLong

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

World Health Care Congress web page listing the speaker faculty for the 2006 World Health Care Congress to be held from April 17 - 19, 2006, in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 386/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Shannon Little of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching her email dated February 20, 2006, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development, expressing opposition to private health care, private health insurance, and allowing doctors to work in both the public and proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 387/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Joan Lewis to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to private health care

Sessional Paper 388/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Dennis Kaban of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the manner in which Hon. Mr. Klein is dealing with the proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 389/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Norma Farquharson of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching text addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health care and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 390/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Clare and Tammy Irwin of Edmonton to Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, expressing concern regarding the Government's health care reforms

Sessional Paper 391/2006

Letter dated March 1, 2006, from the Very Reverend Fabian W. Hugh of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting that he believes the Government's proposed health care reforms will benefit only wealthy Albertans

Sessional Paper 392/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Harry Hoffman of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to a two-tiered health care system

Sessional Paper 393/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Shirley Harpham of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting that she is opposed to private health care because of previous difficult dealings with private health insurance companies and encouraging the Government to strengthen the current public health care system

Sessional Paper 394/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Horace R. and Janis E. Gopeesingh of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding private health care and suggesting governments promote better lifestyles

Sessional Paper 395/2006

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

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Charles E. Murphy suggesting the Government provide more details of their plan to reform the health care system
Sessional Paper 396/2006

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

Public Interest Alberta website article dated April 13, 2006, entitled “Albertans opposed Harper’s plan to cancel childcare agreements” with attached Viewpoints Research poll dated April 2006 regarding the Federal Government’s childcare proposals

Sessional Paper 397/2006

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Letter dated April 13, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, to Beckie Scott congratulating her upon her retirement from a successful cross-country skiing career

Sessional Paper 398/2006

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 24 to 27, 2006:

Monday, April 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24) Education (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24) Gaming And as per the Order Paper Committee of the Whole Bill 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, 28 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24) Community Development (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24) Innovation and Science Committee of the Whole Bill 24, 29, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24) Health and Wellness (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 10 — 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 resumed the Chair and Mr. Prins 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:

Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$916,770,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 13 agreed to on March 20, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, April 24, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 13, 2006