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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, April 25, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on this day we commemorate the Remembrance of the Holocaust. I would like to quote directly text found on pages 213 and 215 in the book "The War That United the Province 1939-1945," Volume 8 in the series "Alberta in the 20th Century." The text is written by Steve Weatherbe.

"Aberhart, despite his own Germanic background, was unflagging in his support for the postwar dismemberment of Germany.

This did not stop his critics from hinting at secret Nazi sympathies; no populist radical was safe from such libels. It was all the worse for Aberhart because his enemies were willing to take his fights with Ottawa as evidence of sedition. National commentator C.S. Burchill warned readers of the National Home Monthly that Alberta was rife with Nazi sympathizers and that Aberhart led the pack. Burchill cited the Germanic ancestry not only of Aberhart but also of his civil servants; 250 of their names began with "K," he noted, while a further 46 opened with the even more sinister "Sch." Clearly, Alberta was "ripe for treachery."

As the war progressed and Hitler's extermination of European Jewry came to light, anti-Semitism became more disreputable, but it thereby became a convenient weapon to be used against one's political foes. To the embarrassment of Aberhart and his senior cabinet minister Ernest Manning, their ideological inspiration, Britain's Major C.H. Douglas, grew increasingly anti-Semitic during the war years. Aberhart shared Douglas's conspiratorial world view, but considered the ethnicity of the "Big Shots" and international financiers to be irrelevant. Whereas Douglas (like Hitler) swore by the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a phony document whipped up by the Tsarist secret police and purporting to detail a Jewish plot for world domination, Aberhart and Manning denounced them as a fabrication. Incredibly, Douglas came to believe that Hitler was himself part of the Jewish conspiracy and was faking the final solution in order to spread Jewish agents, disguised as refugees, throughout the world.

Many of these ideas were transmitted to Alberta through the Social Credit Board which at one point had sought, almost successfully, to overthrow Aberhart. By 1940, the board's chief representative was L.D. Byrne, one of two Social Credit "experts" Douglas had sent to Alberta to guide the province in instituting Social Credit doctrine. In 1942 Aberhart's many Jewish supporters demanded he purge the anti-Semites in his party and repudiate Douglas. He responded that he lacked the power to oust members, but promised to do what he could "to put the brakes on this foolish spirit of anti-Semitism." Both Aberhart and Manning made statements denouncing anti-Semitism. Through the Bible Institute's publication, The Prophetic Voice, Aberhart declared that any nation that harmed its Jews was cursed before God."

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah), April 25, 2006.

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 2006 Canadian Transplant Games to be held in Edmonton from August 8-13, 2006.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Alberta Wilderness Association Climb for Wilderness held in Calgary on April 22, 2006.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing 100 years of labour council activity in Edmonton and northern Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society's Immigrants of Distinction Awards presented on April 20, 2006.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, presented a petition from 103 Fairview and area 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. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, 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.

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

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

Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Lund on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Document, undated, entitled “PDD Edmonton Budget Planning, 2006/2007 - 2008/2009”

Sessional Paper 409/2006

Letter dated April 24, 2006, from Denise Young, Director of Community Development, Calgary SCOPE Society, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding funding for agencies in Calgary providing services to persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 410/2006

Letter, undated and unaddressed from Derrick Seabrook expressing concern regarding funding cuts to Persons with Developmental Disabilities programs

Sessional Paper 411/2006

Letter dated March 27, 2006, from Sharon Nolan, Chairperson, Lifestyle Choices Support Society, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding a reduction in funds her sister receives from the Government

Sessional Paper 412/2006

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

Program from the 2006 Food for All Seasons Gala held on April 13, 2006, in support of the Edmonton Food Bank

Sessional Paper 413/2006

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Minnan Liu, Ph.D., P.Eng. of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, alleging that organs are being harvested in concentration camps in China and requesting Mr. Elsalhy raise this issue in the Assembly

Sessional Paper 414/2006

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

10 recent letters from Edmonton and Sherwood Park residents to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the standard of care for seniors in long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 415/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 16, 2006, from Ronald Goss of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 416/2006

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Valerie Moore of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, attaching the text of the e-mail message she sent to the Government expressing opposition to proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 417/2006

E-mail message dated April 13, 2006, from Dorothy Tovell of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 418/2006

4 recent Alberta newspaper photographs depicting Government Members providing cheques for community programs

Sessional Paper 419/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

10 recent letters from staff of long-term care facilities expressing concern regarding staffing shortages and poor working conditions

Sessional Paper 420/2006

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

City of Edmonton Tax Assessment and Collection Property Tax Search Summary dated February 7, 2006, for land described as Plan 0024559, Lot A

Sessional Paper 421/2006

Copy of page 98 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, January 31, 2002, concerning the sale or disposition of land described as Plan 0024559, Lot A  
Sessional Paper 422/2006

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

8 recent letters from staff of long-term care facilities expressing concern regarding staffing shortages and poor working conditions

Sessional Paper 423/2006

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2004-2005, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 424/2006

Clerk Assistant of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4) and the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 425/2006

Clerk Assistant of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 426/2006

Annual Report for the College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 427/2006

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 11 — 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. Goudreau 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:

**Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,824,278,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

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 5:14 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed 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:

**Gaming**

Expense	\$201,627,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,306,155,000

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

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

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

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Rodney on behalf of  
Mr. Liepert

### **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 Bills were reported:

Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon.  
Mr. Mar

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:25 p.m. until Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 25, 2006