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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, April 27, 2006

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of people killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2006, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed on the job.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on September 22, 1933, Vivian MacMillan, a stenographer employed by the Government of Alberta, and her father, Allan D. MacMillan, brought a civil suit against Premier John Edward Brownlee under the Seduction Act (1903), seeking damages in compensation for Mr. Brownlee's "alleged seduction" of Vivian MacMillan from the time she was 18 and over the course of three years.

Premier Brownlee categorically denied the allegations, asserting in his defence that there was “not a word of truth” in the MacMillans’ suit and that he intended to “defend the action to the limit.” Mr. Brownlee issued a counterclaim in November 1933 alleging that Vivian MacMillan, together with her medical student suitor John Caldwell, had conspired to level false allegations against him. After a sensational trial, on June 30, 1934, jurors awarded \$10,000 in damages to Vivian MacMillan and \$5,000 to her father.

The trial judge, William C. Ives, admonished the jury for reaching a verdict inconsistent with the evidence, overturned the decision and imposed court costs upon the MacMillans. Despite Justice Ives’ actions, Mr. Brownlee recognized that the jury’s initial verdict signalled an end to his political career.

On the morning of July 5, 1934, Premier Brownlee delivered his resignation and that of the entire Cabinet to Lieutenant Governor William L. Walsh. The resignations were effective July 19, 1934. On the same day, Richard G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer and United Farmers of Alberta Member for the constituency of Vermilion, was sworn in as Premier.

In the general election of August 22, 1935, Richard G. Reid, John Edward Brownlee, and the United Farmers of Alberta were defeated in a landslide victory by the Social Credit who won 56 out of a total of 63 seats in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In 1937 the MacMillans successfully appealed Justice Ives’ decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. On June 4, 1940, J.E. Brownlee’s appeal of the Supreme Court’s decision to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom was dismissed. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, located in the United Kingdom, was the highest court of appeal in Canada until 1949. The law firm, Brownlee LLP, bears the name of Alberta’s fifth Premier.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Hobbema Community Cadet Corps.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Government’s privatization policies.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the immediate need to eliminate the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding provincial parks and wilderness areas.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the success of Athabasca University.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from over 2,100 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, May 1, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ14.

Motions for Returns: MR23, MR24, MR25.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Pages 157-158 of Alberta Hansard dated March 1, 2006, noting comments made by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding gastroparesis
Sessional Paper 435/2006

Letter dated March 14, 2006, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, offering to issue a province-wide news release to help raise awareness of digestive disturbances
Sessional Paper 436/2006

Response to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on March 1, 2006, Department of Health and Wellness, 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) debate
Sessional Paper 437/2006

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

Letter dated April 27, 2006, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, requesting the Federal Government enhance the current bilateral child care agreements with the provinces and extend them to the territories

Sessional Paper 438/2006

Report dated April 2006 entitled "The Incredible Shrinking \$1,200 Child Care Allowance: How to Fix It" prepared by Ken Battle

Sessional Paper 439/2006

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Letter dated April 24, 2006, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, responding to questions raised during several Oral Question Periods in April 2006 relating to services provided to the Government by Rod Love

Sessional Paper 440/2006

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated January 21, 2006, sent by e-mail, from Petro Oliynyk, Head of the Lviv Oblast State Administration, Ukraine, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inviting Hon. Mr. Klein, an official delegation, and a business delegation to visit the Lviv Oblast, with attached list of proposals to be considered during the visit

Sessional Paper 441/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta), Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 442/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, 13:

Alberta Education, 2006-2009 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 443/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2004, Section 1

Sessional Paper 444/2006

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31,
2004, Section 2

Sessional Paper 445/2006

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31,
2004, Section 3

Sessional Paper 446/2006

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 May 1 to May 4, 2006:

Monday, May 1	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 18 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38 Committee of the Whole Bill 20 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 2	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24) Government Services (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24) International and Intergovernmental Relations

			Committee of the Whole
			Bill 20, 28, 33, 34
			And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 3	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24)
			Sustainable Resource Development (Designated)
			And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24)
			Justice and Attorney General
			Committee of the Whole
			Bill 14, 20, 25, 26, 29, 31, 32
			And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, May 4	Aft.	-	Governor General's Address
			Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24)
			Solicitor General and Public Security (Designated)
			And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that the Estimates for the Department of Health and Wellness be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Brown	Goudreau	McClellan
Calahasen	Graydon	Melchin
Cao	Haley	Prins
Cardinal	Hancock	Renner
Coutts	Jablonski	Rogers
Danyluk	Johnston	Stelmach
DeLong	Knight	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Liepert	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Webber
Evans	Mar	Zwozdesky
Forsyth		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mather	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Mason		

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Dr. Brown 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:

Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,289,506,000
Capital Investment	\$32,056,000

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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Monday, May 1, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 27, 2006