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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 21, 1940, Albertans elected their second Social Credit Government with 42.9% of the votes and 36 of 57 seats. For the first time in our history the Liberal Party was neither the Government or the second largest party in the House. Nineteen Independents were elected with 42.47% of the votes. Liberals elected one Member.

The election of August 8, 1944 saw the Social Credit Government returned with 51.88% of the votes and 51 of 57 seats. The second largest grouping was three Independents with 16.75% of the votes. Two Cooperative Commonwealth Federation MLAs were elected with 24.92%. There were no registered Liberal candidates in the election of 1944.

On August 17, 1948, 55.63% of Albertans voted Social Credit and returned 51 of 57 MLAs. The CCF polled 19.13% of the votes and elected two Members, as did the Liberals with 17.86% of the votes.

Four years later on August 5, 1952, 13 different political parties contested the election. The Social Credit Party received 56.24% of the votes and elected 53 of 60 MLAs. Three Liberals were elected with 22.37% of the votes.

On June 29, 1955, in Alberta's 50th anniversary year, 37 of 61 seats went to the Social Credit Party with 46.42% of the votes. The Liberals elected 15 Members with 31.13% of the votes.

In Alberta's 14th election held on June 18, 1959, 55.69% of Albertans elected 61 Social Credit Members out of 65 seats. The Progressive Conservative Party elected one MLA with 23.88% of the votes. For the first time in Alberta's history a political party received more than 200,000 votes. Social Credit received 230,283.

Almost four years to the day later, June 17, 1963, the Social Credit Party won 60 of 63 seats with 54.81% of the votes. Two Liberals were elected with 19.76% of the votes.

In Canada's 100th year and on May 23, 1967, 44.6% of Albertans returned 55 of 65 MLAs back to the Legislature as Social Credit MLAs and six Progressive Conservatives were elected with 26% of the votes. The New Democratic Party received 15.98% of the votes and elected no MLAs while the Liberals elected three MLAs with 10.81% of the vote. This was the ninth election victory in a row for the Social Credit Party.

The score to-date is four Liberal Governments, three United Farmers of Alberta Governments, nine Social Credit Governments.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating the Junior B Red Deer Vipers hockey team on winning the Western Canadian Junior B Hockey Championship in Campbell River, British Columbia, on April 23, 2006.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating several Albertans who were recipients of Leaders of Tomorrow Awards at ceremonies held in Wetaskiwin on April 24, 2006, and in Camrose on April 26, 2006.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a childcare public forum held in Calgary on April 29, 2006.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Portage College Annual Sports and Education Dinners held in Cold Lake and Lac La Biche on April 28 and 29, 2006.

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 32nd annual Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards gala held on April 29, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for safe, sustainable groundwater.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Rodney

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr2, Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act
Sessional Paper 455/2006

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr3, Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 456/2006

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, presented a petition from 6 Rocky Mountain House 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 3,126 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. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 75 St. Albert 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. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated April 18, 2006, from E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, to the Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools, with associated attachments recommending the approval of the proposed 2006-2007 planning base
Sessional Paper 457/2006

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Copy of page 106 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, dated February 28, 2006, outlining an erratum concerning the sale of land described as Plan 0325670, Block 1, Lot 2
Sessional Paper 458/2006

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

Letter dated July 25, 2005, from Rob Kinsey, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, UA (United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada) Local Union #488, to Stephen F. Kelly, Assistant General President, General Office, United Association, providing information regarding employment opportunities for UA members from the United States in the jurisdiction of UA Local Union #488 located in Edmonton

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — 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 assumed 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:

Government Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$109,226,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy 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:

International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,691,000
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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

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

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

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

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:53 p.m. until Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 2, 2006