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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that citizens' access to the Legislature Building and citizens' understanding of the building and the institution of democracy that it houses has taken decades to develop.

Alberta did not start producing its own Hansard until 1972, making Alberta one of the last provinces in Canada to do so. Alberta, however, was one of the first jurisdictions in the country to have permanent television broadcasts with the first of its proceedings televised on March 15, 1972.

In 1998 a searchable Hansard was provided daily on the Internet and in 2003, gavel-to-gavel audio broadcasts were added to the Assembly website, followed in 2004 by streamed video of Oral Question Period.

On July 1, 1998, unique in Canada, opportunity was accorded to citizens to walk onto the floor of the Chamber.

We now have numerous student parliaments, a School-at-the-Legislature, and some 176,000 visitors annually with talented and professional tour guides to make these visitors feel comfortable.

While we are pleased with the many people who do visit and can visit this building, many are unable to visit the Legislature Building, until now.

Today we unveiled the most innovative access visitor tool found in the world. The Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature website is another major educational first for Alberta. To the knowledge of many, no other online tour provides the same immersive, three-dimensional experience that Alberta's tour does.

This project, Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature, provides a realistic three-dimensional environment in cyberspace that replicates the layout, scale, lighting, and finishes of the Alberta Legislature. Students and citizens anywhere in the world can access the website and experience a virtual tour of this building that allows them to look around and move as if in the real world.

As Speaker I would like to extend deepest appreciation to Alberta Education, the previous Minister, and the current Minister for believing in a project that had humble beginnings several years ago. Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature was fully funded as an Alberta Education Centennial Project and gifted people in Alberta Education worked hand-in-hand with gifted people in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to erect a groundbreaking education visitors' tool that is the first of its kind. Deepest appreciation is also extended to Fuel Industries for their outstanding work.

Access is at www.virtualvisit.learnalberta.ca.

Today's tour is the first step. With the support of the Members of this Assembly, we hope to add more educational activities as well as enhanced interactive features with Members in the future.

As of today, anyone, anywhere in the world can visit the Alberta Legislature Building right now, as we speak!

Members' Statements

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the potential of a canola-based biodiesel industry.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Big Valley Jamboree to be held in Camrose, August 3-6, 2006.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing the contributions of World War II veterans.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the City of Lethbridge official centennial ceremonies held on May 9, 2006.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the voluntary efforts of the Northgate Lions Seniors Recreation Centre and the Northgate Senior Citizens Association.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement congratulating Evans Consoles of Calgary, the first Canadian company to receive an Aerospace Supply Award from NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) United Space Alliance.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 9 Nanton 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. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, presented a petition from 30 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.

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Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, presented a petition from 15 Lethbridge 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated May 8, 2006, from Paul Griffin, Director, Western Region, Canadian Bankers Association, to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, outlining several concerns regarding Bill 38, Livestock Identification and Commerce Act

Sessional Paper 544/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated April 28, 2006, from Kellan Fluckiger, Executive Director, Alberta Energy, to Members of the Electric Utilities Act Advisory Committee regarding the role and mandate of Alberta electricity industry implementing agencies

Sessional Paper 545/2006

Report entitled "April 28, 2006, Roles and Mandates Refinements for Alberta Electricity Industry Implementing Agencies: Response to stakeholder comments and recommendations on the November 28, 2005 paper" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 546/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information booklet entitled "Alberta's Seniors Deserve Better, It's time to take action" prepared by Public Interest Alberta

Sessional Paper 547/2006

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

Memorandum dated March 23, 2006, from Kathie Landry of Edmonton to Steve Rapanos, Chief, EMS-Ambulance (Emergency Medical Services), City of Edmonton, with attached photographs, expressing concern regarding long EMS wait-times which are further compounded by hospital emergency department wait-times

Sessional Paper 548/2006

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

Program from the Salvation Army Annual Luncheon held at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton on May 10, 2006

Sessional Paper 549/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

11 letters from Albertans, 8 to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and 3 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding resident and employee conditions at long-term care facilities and requesting an increase in funding to address these issues

Sessional Paper 550/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 23 — 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 Ms Pastoor 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:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,003,000
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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. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 24 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Danyluk 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:

Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,129,463,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$65,793,000

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Finance:

Letter dated April 4, 2006, from Raymond J. Protti, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Bankers Association, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, congratulating Hon. Mrs. McClellan on Alberta's 2006-07 budget

Sessional Paper 551/2006

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 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

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

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

Bill 41 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

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

Bill 39 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Lindsay 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Unanimous Consent

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes during consideration of Bill 31, Health Information Amendment Act, 2006.

The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 31, Health Information Amendment Act, 2006, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abbott	Graydon	Mar
Ady	Groeneveld	McClellan
Amery	Haley	Mitzel
Boutilier	Herard	Morton
Brown	Horner	Pham
Cao	Jablonski	Renner
Cardinal	Knight	Stevens
Danyluk	Lindsay	Tarchuk
DeLong	Lougheed	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas
Elsalhy	Pastoor	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006
— Mrs. Jablonski

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 4, in the proposed section 6,

- (a) by striking out subsection (4)(a);
- (b) by striking out subsection (5).

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Mason	Tougas
Elsalhy		

Against the amendment: 26

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Boutilier	Horner	Morton
Brown	Jablonski	Pham
Cao	Knight	Renner
Cardinal	Lindsay	Stevens
Danyluk	Lougheed	Tarchuk
DeLong	Mar	

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006
— Mrs. Jablonski

Ms Haley, 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 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood)
— Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 552/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill on May 3, 2006) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 553/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 554/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 555/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 556/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 557/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:28 a.m., Thursday, May 11, 2006, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 10, 2006