



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 38

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Thursday, May 11, 2006

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

### **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented on a variety of election-related subjects from Alberta's first 100 years of democracy.

In the 1905 general election Albertans voted using coloured pencils. Voters selected the coloured pencil corresponding to the candidate for whom they wished to vote then marked a coloured "X" on the blank ballot paper.

If current Members in 2006 conclude from time to time that the House may get carried away with lawmaking and the writing of regulations, let me quote from page 299 of the North-West Territories Ordinances of 1905: "The pencils used under the provisions of sections 26 to 53 inclusive of this ordinance shall be of colour as follows in each electoral district. If there are two candidates, the colours shall be blue and red; if three, yellow shall be added; if four, black shall be added; if five, brown shall be added; if six, green shall be added; and if there are more than six, such additional colours of pencils shall be provided as the Lieutenant Governor may direct. The handle of each pencil shall be of wood and shall be not less than six inches in length and of sufficient thickness to enable the name of any candidate to be placed upon one side in characters not less than three-eighths of an inch in depth. The wood of the pencil should be painted the same colour as that of the marking materials it contains, which shall be inserted securely in the handle so that it cannot be removed."

The Alberta Election Act governed the election process for the first time in the 1909 election, less than a month after the Act was proclaimed.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer was created in 1977 under the Election Amendment Act and the office oversaw its first provincial election in 1979.

In 1905 the deposit required to file nomination papers was \$100, in 1993, 88 years later, it was doubled to \$200, and in 2004 the deposit was increased to \$500.

For elections in Alberta, March and June are the favourite months with each hosting seven elections. August has held five, November has held three, May has seen two, and April and July have each experienced one. In Alberta a general election has never been held in January, February, September, October, or December.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the history of Mother's Day and recognizing her mother, Cicely Elizabeth Truman.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the 35th anniversary of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the success of the Super Cities Walk for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) held in Lloydminster on April 29, 2006.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need for democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support the book publishing industry in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement recognizing John Kolkman, Research Director, New Democrat Opposition, for his contributions to the New Democrat Opposition Caucus and to several Edmonton community programs.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee dated May 9, 2006

Sessional Paper 559/2006

## **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 15, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

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

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Children's Advocate, 2003/2004 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 560/2006

Child and Youth Advocate, 2004/2005 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 561/2006

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Report dated May 11, 2006, entitled "Response to the Child and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2003-2004" prepared by Alberta Children's Services  
Sessional Paper 562/2006

Report dated May 11, 2006, entitled "Response to the Child and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2004-2005" prepared by Alberta Children's Services  
Sessional Paper 563/2006

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

E-mail message dated May 10, 2006, from Paul Armstrong of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education, expressing disappointment with Hon. Mr. Herard's response to concerns previously expressed by Mr. Armstrong regarding Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006  
Sessional Paper 564/2006

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

2 e-mail messages dated May 10, 2006, from Shannon Phillips and Lou Arab, both to Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, with attached responses from Hon. Mr. Herard  
Sessional Paper 565/2006

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2005 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 566/2006

## **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 15 to 18, 2006:

Monday, May 15                      9:00 p.m. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 40, 42

Tuesday, May 16	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 43</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 20, 40, 42, 43</li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>As per the Order Paper</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 20, 40, 42, 43</li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 10, 14, 28, 32</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 17	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 20, 40, 42, 43</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
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Thursday, May 18	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li>As per the Order Paper</li> </ul>

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

- Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Ducharme on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 21 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Mr. Lougheed
- Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 15, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 11, 2006