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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that 450 candidates from nine different political parties contested the November 22, 2004, Alberta election.

Prior to the implementation of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, 1978, candidates could run under any banner that they chose. Starting January 1, 1978, political parties and independent candidates were required to provide appropriate registration information to Elections Alberta. This registration information must be in place before a candidate's nomination papers are accepted and the candidate is allowed to participate in the election.

In Alberta's electoral history, 62 different political affiliations have had candidates run in our elections or by-elections.

In our first election held on November 9, 1905, the political affiliations or parties were Conservative, Liberal, and Independent.

In the election held November 22, 2004, the political affiliations or parties were: Alberta Alliance Party, Alberta Greens, Alberta Liberal Party, Alberta New Democrats, Alberta Party, Alberta Social Credit Party, Communist Party Alberta, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, and the Separation Party of Alberta.

During the Social Credit era coalitions between Liberals and Conservatives were created in an attempt to defeat the Government. These coalitions failed and failed miserably.

In the 1955 provincial election the Liberal/Conservative political affiliation received only 1.1% of the vote. In the 1963 provincial election the Conservative/Liberal affiliation received 0.3% of the vote, and in the 1967 election the Liberal/Progressive Conservative Coalition received only 0.1% of the votes. The support for candidates running under the Conservative or Liberal banner fared much better in these three elections.

In terms of political affiliation or party identification, the name Liberal was not to be used by any candidate in the 1944 election whereas the name Conservative was not to be used by any candidate in the elections of 1940, 1944, and 1948. Liberal and Conservative candidates have run in all other Alberta elections.

The New Democratic Party name was used for the first time in the 1963 general election; the Alliance Party of Alberta name was used for the first time in the election of 1993, the Conservative and Liberal names were used for the first time in 1905.

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Police and Community Interactive Fair, recently hosted by the Calgary Police Service.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing Father's Day, June 18, 2006.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Bow Habitat Station aquatic ecopark in Calgary which is scheduled to open in Spring 2007.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the successes of the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club and the enthusiasm of their fans.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Calgary Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Calgary-Fort constituency.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 197 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. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 103 Calgary 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 3,921 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. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,058 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to increase Alberta’s share of oil and gas revenues to pay yearly dividends to Albertans.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 116 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

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

Petition signed by 245 Albertans requesting the Canadian House of Commons provide the provinces and territories with child care funding and ensure effective income support programs for Canadian families

Sessional Paper 605/2006

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated May 7, 2006, unsigned, from Barbara McNamara of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for renovations at Western Canada High School

Sessional Paper 606/2006

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Final report dated December 2004 entitled "Review of the Regulatory Framework for Legal Services in England and Wales" prepared by Sir David Clementi

Sessional Paper 607/2006

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

Letter, undated, with addressee's name struck out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for infrastructure maintenance at Strathcona High School in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 608/2006

Letter dated May 17, 2006, from Glynis Dorey, Strathcona High School Parent Committee, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding an unsatisfactory heating system at Strathcona High School in Edmonton and attaching a report dated December 1999 entitled "School Facility Evaluation Report" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure, which identifies the problems with the heating system

Sessional Paper 609/2006

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

16 letters dated April 12, 2006, from Progress Land Services Ltd. land agents to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to a proposal to remove section 1(C)(ii) of the Land Agent Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 610/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

5 photographs depicting the environmental impact of off-road driving and recreational land-use in the Willow Creek Forestry Area

Sessional Paper 611/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Miller on May 1, 2006:

How much money in total did the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund invest in tobacco-based companies in the fiscal year 2004-05 broken down by individual company and amount invested in each?

Sessional Paper 612/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 613/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 614/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 615/2006

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 616/2006

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 617/2006

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on April 11, 2006, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 618/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on April 11, 2006, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 619/2006

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 10, 2006, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 620/2006

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

The Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, 32nd Annual Report, 2005-2006
Sessional Paper 621/2006

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 622/2006

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona:

Petition signed by 10 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce measures to effectively curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta

Sessional Paper 623/2006

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

Final report dated March 2006 entitled "Summary of Proceedings, January 28, 2006 Community Workshop Special Education Review" prepared by Kathryn Burke on behalf of community workshop participants

Sessional Paper 624/2006

Report dated April 5, 2006, entitled "Survey of Children with Learning Challenges" prepared by Kathryn Burke on behalf of the Academy at King Edward Parent Advisory Council

Sessional Paper 625/2006

E-mail message dated May 6, 2006, from Art Dyer of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on specific sections of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 626/2006

E-mail message dated May 16, 2006, from W.C. Whiteman of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 627/2006

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

Memorandum dated March 2006, unsigned, from Kim Borden, Research Officer, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Alberta, to Darlene Dunlop, Farm Workers Union of Alberta, listing 2005 Alberta farm fatalities statistics

Sessional Paper 628/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ducharme, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri on May 8, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, what measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to meet the funding challenges associated with supporting provincial sports and recreational programs as detailed by the Alberta Sport Plan Task Force in their report "A New Century For Amateur Sport - From Participation to Excellence"?

Sessional Paper 629/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 630/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on May 3, 2006, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 631/2006

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 3, 2006, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 632/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, *and* 2005-2006, how many applications received by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board to drill natural gas wells in Alberta were rejected?

Sessional Paper 633/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given Monday, May 15, 2006, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, and Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Amery	Haley	Pham
Boutilier	Herard	Prins
Brown	Horner	Renner
Cao	Jablonski	Shariff
Cardinal	Liepert	Snelgrove
Evans	Lougheed	Stelmach
Forsyth	Mar	Strang
Goudreau	McClellan	VanderBurg
Graydon	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Groeneveld	Oberle	

Against the motion: 15

Backs	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mather	Tougas

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.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

Debate resumed on Third Reading of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, at 3:31 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on May 17, 2006, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:31 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, be read a Third time, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Amery	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Herard	Morton
Brown	Horner	Oberle
Cao	Jablonski	Pham
Cardinal	Knight	Prins
Evans	Liepert	Renner
Forsyth	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Mason	Pastoor
Bonko	Mather	Swann
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Martin	Pannu	Tougas

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to adjourn the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. today until 1:30 p.m. May 18, 2006, should Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 receive Third Reading.

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

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

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the Bill be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the motion: 6

Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Mather	Pannu	Tougas

Against the motion: 28

Amery	Herard	McFarland
Brown	Horner	Morton
Cao	Jablonski	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Pham
Evans	Liepert	Prins
Forsyth	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

The question being immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Amery	Herard	McFarland
Brown	Horner	Morton
Cao	Jablonski	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Pham
Evans	Liepert	Prins
Forsyth	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

Against the motion: 7

Backs
Bonko
Mather

Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Pannu

Taylor
Tougas

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006
— Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard
- Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 17, 2006