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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, August 29, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on June 1, 2006, proclamation was given to the Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act. The Act became another first for the Alberta Legislative Assembly. The Act deems that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is the honorary President of the Association, and mandates that his first responsibility is to appoint seven former MLAs who shall constitute the first Board of Directors.

Today I have done such. After a three month consultation with former MLAs and several separate requests for former Members to advise me of their interest, I am pleased to advise that the following former Members will serve as the first Board.

Frederick Deryl Bradley represented the constituency of Pincher Creek-Crowsnest and served in the Assembly from 1975 to 1993 as a Progressive Conservative Member. Walter Alexander Buck served as the MLA for Clover Bar from 1967 to 1989 as a Social Credit Member. Ed Gibbons served from 1997 to 2001 as the Liberal Member for Edmonton-Manning. Karen Leibovici served from 1993 to 2001 as the Liberal Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark. Ian McClelland represented Edmonton-Rutherford as a Progressive Conservative Member from 2001 to 2004. Don Tannas served from 1989 to 2004 as the Progressive Conservative Member for Highwood. Julius Yankowsky served from 1993 to 2004 and represented Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, first as a Liberal, then a Progressive Conservative, and Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview as a Progressive Conservative.

This Board will be invited to its first meeting shortly and will be asked to determine its first list of officers and the date of the Association's first annual meeting. The Alberta Association of Former MLAs must not, by law, pursue its objects for any partisan political purpose and was established as a non-profit body corporate.

Members' Statements

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Baseball Canada Cup held in Medicine Hat from August 17-20, 2006.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to limit the spread of the mountain pine beetle in Alberta.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Alberta labour market.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement recognizing Vermillion's centennial and its history.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Frank Janett of Calgary who passed away on June 18, 2006.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the need for a managed, integrated plan for development in the Peace Country.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,427 Albertans urging the Government to adopt the position unanimously supported by St. Albert City Council to make every effort to move the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday Drive ring road south of the current proposal, enhance noise attenuation and safety measures for neighbouring residents, and minimize the environmental impact of the road.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 135 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that the traffic noise from the Edmonton ring road near Wedgewood Ravine is evaluated immediately, and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 103 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system and instead commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely that the Assembly urge the Government to introduce election financing legislation requiring full disclosure of all campaign contributions and the sources for all leadership contests of registered political parties and that they do so prior to the selection of the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Association.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated August 2, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions regarding natural gas royalties asked by Mr. MacDonald in a letter dated July 12, 2006

Sessional Paper 678/2006

Current Supply Demand Report dated August 28, 2006, prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 679/2006

Actual/Forecast Report dated August 28, 2006, prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 680/2006

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report for 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 681/2006

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Research Council Inc., 2005-06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 682/2006

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

Letter dated August 15, 2006, unsigned, from David Cournoyer, Chair, Council of Alberta University Students, to Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education, expressing opposition to Alberta's tuition policy being enshrined in regulation rather than legislation

Sessional Paper 683/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act; cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Environment 2004-05 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 684/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2005 -
March 31, 2006
Sessional Paper 685/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2005
Sessional Paper 686/2006

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual
Report, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006
Sessional Paper 687/2006

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2005
Sessional Paper 688/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 689/2006

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Activity Summary 2004/2005
Sessional Paper 690/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2005
Sessional Paper 691/2006

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2005
Sessional Paper 692/2006

College of Alberta Denturists, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 693/2006

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 694/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s 47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 695/2006

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 696/2006

Pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4), Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 697/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 698/2006

Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2005/06

Sessional Paper 699/2006

East Central Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 700/2006

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2005 - March 2006

Sessional Paper 701/2006

Calgary Health Region, 2005/2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 702/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason on March 20, 2006:

What is the total number of physicians who have opted out of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for each of the 2001 to 2005 fiscal years and from April 1, 2005 to February 22, 2006?

Sessional Paper 703/2006

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

What was the percentage increase in the number of physicians working in Alberta municipalities with populations equal to or less than 15,000 residents for the fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and April 1, 2005 to February 23, 2006?

Sessional Paper 704/2006

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

How many of the patients who had qualified to be put on the list for surgery in the Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project were unable to have their surgery completed at the Health Resource Centre in Calgary due to other health issues that these patients had, that could not be treated by this particular private clinic during the fiscal year 2004-2005?

Sessional Paper 705/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

Detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Health and Wellness, her staff and/or designate on trips during the 2004-2005 fiscal year including, but not limited to, travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, as well as incidental and miscellaneous expenses.

Sessional Paper 706/2006

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

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

Sessional Paper 707/2006

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and type of program?

Sessional Paper 708/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, budgetary analyses, submissions, proposals, memos, and other correspondence related to the decision to increase the minimum debt level required for eligibility for the Alberta Student Loan Relief Program from \$5,000 to \$7,140 per annum.

Sessional Paper 709/2006

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Mr. Eggen on March 20, 2006:

Copies of all studies, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Energy and/or the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003 to February 22, 2006 that analyze the injection of CO₂ for the extraction of oil.

Sessional Paper 710/2006

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that the Assembly urge the Government to introduce election financing legislation requiring full disclosure of all campaign contributions and the sources for all leadership contests of registered political parties and that they do so prior to the selection of the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Association.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Stevens speaking.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:38 p.m. until Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, August 29, 2006