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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, August 31, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that 12 different men have had the great honour of serving as the Premier of the Province of Alberta. Alberta's Premier, the Honourable Ralph Klein, has had the unique privilege of serving as Premier since 1992.

On May 18, 2006, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta paid special tribute to this remarkable man, who formed four governments and presided over the most dynamic growth period in the history of Alberta. He has received countless provincial, national, and international awards, is recognized throughout Canada and in many parts of the world, and is the dean of Canadian governance and political leaders.

For 26 years the Premier has been a servant of the public, as Mayor of the City of Calgary from 1980 to 1989, as an MLA since 1989, as a Minister from 1989 to 1992, and as the leader of Alberta since December 14, 1992. Twenty-six years of unselfish public service is worthy of praise.

The Chair listened attentively to the tributes given to the Honourable Premier on May 18 by the Honourable Deputy Premier, the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, and the Leader of the Third Party. The words spoken were eloquent, sincere, and noteworthy. All Members of the Assembly were moved. The day was worthy of commemoration and to remember it we have created a special Hansard titled "Special Edition Tribute to the Honourable Ralph Klein." The Pages will now provide a copy, first to the Premier, then to all Members. I hope that all Members will retain this special Hansard as a keepsake for many years to come. The Hansard is a fitting tribute for a most deserving leader.

Mr. Premier, you will shortly leave this Assembly, and when you do, you will leave a legacy of accomplishment. As the cowboys of old traversed the west with their horses, the leaders of today function daily with their loyal chair. The chair that you are currently occupying, the chair of the Premier of Alberta, will go with you with the appreciation of the men and women of your caucus, who have personally and generously purchased it at full cost from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. As you sit in it in the future may you only remember the best of times.

Thank you for your service to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and to the people of Alberta. May you and Dr. Klein experience only smooth times ahead and may good health be with you both, always. Thank you and God bless.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing the 35th anniversary of the election of the first Progressive Conservative Government in Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding a conference to be held at the Shaw Conference Centre from October 20 to 22, 2006, entitled "Building World Peace: The Role of Religions and Human Rights" sponsored by the John Humphreys Centre for Peace and Human Rights.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Building Trades Council.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the opposition of St. Albert residents to the proposed location of the northwest portion of Anthony Henday Drive.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent Memoranda of Understanding between the University of Alberta and Portage College in Lac La Biche and the Blue Quills First Nations College in St. Paul.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the disclosure of leadership campaign contributions.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 5 St. Albert residents 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.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, September 11, 2006:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 219 Electric Utilities (Net Metering) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Eggen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated August 22, 2006, from Bernard T. Reilly, P.Eng., of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, expressing opposition to the design and location of the north Edmonton ring road at St. Albert Trail and the effect it will have on residents of the Akinsdale and Grandin communities

Sessional Paper 722/2006

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

Copy of 2 postcards to the Chair and members of the Standing Policy Committee on Education and Employment as part of a campaign by Vibrant Communities in Calgary in support of affordable transportation for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 723/2006

Copy of 18 postcards to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, as part of a campaign to request that action be taken to ensure that seniors are able to live their lives with dignity

Sessional Paper 724/2006

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 2, 2006, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 725/2006

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated August 21, 2006, from Steve Hooker to the Provincial Government requesting the Government increase funding for public health care
Sessional Paper 726/2006

Petition signed by 94 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased

Sessional Paper 727/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 25, 2006, from Celeste Ibach of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding agency staff shortages and low wages for individuals working with people with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 728/2006

E-mail message dated August 22, 2006, from Baldwin Reichwein of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable housing for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 729/2006

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

News release dated August 30, 2006, entitled "EUB wins award for innovative management" prepared by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 730/2006

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

2 reports entitled "Moving Forward With Work Safe Alberta, Three-Year Strategic Plan: 2006-2008, Joint Industry, Labour and Government Strategy on Workplace Health and Safety," one dated July 28, 2006, prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment and one dated March 6, 2006, prepared by the Provincial Strategic Working Group on Workplace Safety, with attached letter dated August 23, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with the addressee's name struck out, stating that the majority of the recommendations put forward in the reports have been accepted and will be implemented

Sessional Paper 731/2006

Alberta Federation of Labour website article, undated, entitled "Farm Worker Exemptions in Alberta Legislation"

Sessional Paper 732/2006

Letter dated August 24, 2006, unsigned, from Gordon Christie, Executive Secretary/Organizer, Calgary and District Labour Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding labour laws relating to farm workers, with attached report dated September 29, 2005, entitled "Submission to the Review of the Alberta Employment Standards Code and Regulation"

Sessional Paper 733/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2005 Annual Report and 2005 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 734/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6), Workers' Compensation Board, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 735/2006

Workers' Compensation Board, 2005 Accountability Framework Report

Sessional Paper 736/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 2006, with attached Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

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Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), 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, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected Government business to report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 5:15 p.m., the Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to by the Assembly on August 28, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, August 31, 2006