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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, May 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the City of Edmonton on winning three 2007 North American Cities of the Future Awards presented by Foreign Direct Investment magazine.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating the Town of Slave Lake on winning a Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Safety Award on May 4, 2007, in Banff.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the 2007 IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Men's Hockey championship and recognizing the many Team Canada players and staff from Alberta.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards held on May 12, 2007, in Edmonton.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the recent agreement between the Governments of Canada and Alberta regarding the use of temporary foreign workers.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the 2007 IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Men's Hockey Championship.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 93 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish a public inquiry into the failure of the health care system to protect the safety of patients in its care and to provide recommendations to correct the situation.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 35 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(11), 28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, involving Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, dated May 11, 2007
Sessional Paper 421/2007

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Program from the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards held on May 12, 2007, in Edmonton
Sessional Paper 422/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Responses to questions asked by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 32, Animal Health Act, on May 1, 2007
Sessional Paper 423/2007

Responses to questions asked by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 32, Animal Health Act, on May 10, 2007
Sessional Paper 424/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 425/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 426/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2005-2006
Sessional Paper 427/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 428/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO), 33rd Annual Report, 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 429/2007

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

Notice of a rent increase issued by Alliance Realty Management on May 1, 2007,
to J. Fox for a suite at Alexander Court in Edmonton
Sessional Paper 430/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Playback editorial dated July 2003 entitled "ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian
Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) has taken a lead role in just about every
major cultural issue concerning performing arts in Canada" written by Peter
Vamos
Sessional Paper 431/2007

Letter dated May 13, 2007, from Betty Ganert of Edmonton to all Members of the
Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a shortage of home care
workers in the Edmonton area
Sessional Paper 432/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Anna Lee Magyar-Cooper of Red Deer
to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern
regarding the loss of FSCD (Family Supports for Children with Disabilities)
funding for her nephew, who suffers from autism
Sessional Paper 433/2007

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Stephen H. Renaud of Edmonton to
Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern
regarding the hardships faced by many people with developmental disabilities and
their care givers
Sessional Paper 434/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Program from the Calgary Arts Academy presentation of “Isabella’s Renaissance” held on April 5, 2007, at the Vertigo Theatre in Calgary

Sessional Paper 435/2007

Prelude magazine dated May 2007 previewing the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, 2007/2008 season

Sessional Paper 436/2007

Program from the Calgary Meals on Wheels Fundraising Gala held on May 12, 2007

Sessional Paper 437/2007

Tag providing information concerning logging in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 438/2007

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

Letter dated May 7, 2007, from several parents of children with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and G.B. (Gord) Button, Ombudsman, outlining concerns regarding Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) funding

Sessional Paper 439/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated May 11, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Danielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Bank, Lethbridge, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor’s 4.9% salary increase, and copy of a receipt for the donation

Sessional Paper 440/2007

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following:

Excerpt from the Concise Encyclopedia of Economics website entitled “Rent Control” written by Walter Block

Sessional Paper 441/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ12. Moved by Mr. Miller:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2005-2006, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Miller:

As of April 11, 2007, what is the total cost of efforts to recover cheques that were sent to people who did not qualify for the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

WQ14. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What was the total cost associated with administering the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ15, WQ16.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR5. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental or economical impact assessments, relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

MR6. Moved by Mrs. Mather:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of all expenses relating to advertising and promotional campaigns encouraging Albertans to become foster parents in each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR7, MR8.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act — Mrs. Mather

A debate followed.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 207, Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill stand referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Temporary Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 208 School (Restrictions on Fees and Fund-raising) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Flaherty

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Martin speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately begin assembling land and/or negotiating rights-of-way for a high-speed electric rail line between Edmonton and Calgary, with additional stops as warranted.

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended

- (a) by striking out “immediately begin” and substituting “continue”;
- (b) by striking out “/or”; and
- (c) by striking out “electric”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., it was agreed at 5:57 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Hours 13 to 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Mitzel reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Energy and Environment, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 14, 2007