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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, April 20, 2009

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing April 19-26, 2009, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 17, 2009, as Equality Day in Canada.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding CivicCamp, organized by Sustainable Calgary and the Better Calgary campaign, held in Calgary on April 18, 2009.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Dr. Grant Gall, former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, who passed away on April 18, 2009.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on April 20, 2009, of a 10-year plan to manage provincial parks.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing April 2009 as National Oral Health Month and regarding the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, was not in order to be presented.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator, and notice having been given:

Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Document, undated, entitled "Community Spirit Donation Grant Program Grant Recipients 2008-09"

Sessional Paper 212/2009

Document, undated, entitled "Community Spirit Program, Statistics for the 2008-2009 Application Process"

Sessional Paper 213/2009

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Report, undated, entitled "Plan for Parks, 2009-2019" prepared by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Sessional Paper 214/2009

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated April 2009

Sessional Paper 215/2009

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

Program from the Kirkness School's 25th Anniversary ceremony held on April 16, 2009

Sessional Paper 216/2009

Copy of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 5, 2009, entitled "Organ and Tissue Donation, We need a national transplant system"

Sessional Paper 217/2009

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

Letter dated April 20, 2009, from Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, rejecting Mr. MacDonald's Motion for Returns 22

Sessional Paper 218/2009

Document dated April 15, 2009, entitled "Government Hosting Expenses \$600 and Over - From Alberta Gazettes"

Sessional Paper 219/2009

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

Petition signed by 167 Edmonton and area residents opposing the Government's proposals to downgrade health care

Sessional Paper 220/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 17, 2009, signed by Margaret Holliston, Executive Director, Camrose and District Support Services, and 5 recent e-mail messages to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the government's proposal to terminate the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 221/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR4. Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the current job descriptions for all positions in the Public Affairs Bureau.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the current job descriptions for *the following* positions in the Public Affairs Bureau: *Directors, Directors of Communications, Executive Directors, and the Managing Director.*

MR10. Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For the period January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2008, a copy of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For the period *December 1, 2006*, to December 31, 2008, a *summary report* of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

MR11. Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, briefing notes, backgrounders, and memoranda regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports *and associated* backgrounders *containing analysis done on such reports* regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR2. Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports or plans prepared between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the future creation or expansion of assisted living facilities.

- MR3.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all letters received by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports, and the Premier between October 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, regarding the province's new pharmaceutical plan for seniors.
- MR6.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the results, data, and analyses of all public opinion polls, focus groups, surveys, and questionnaires undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Ministry of Health and Wellness between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the elimination or replacement of regional health boards with the Alberta Health Services Board.
- MR12.** Moved by Ms Notley:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the initial proposal submitted by Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to the Ministry of Education for the construction of 18 Alberta schools, the findings of the selection process that resulted in Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited winning a contract, the research that concluded that \$118 million would be saved by constructing schools through P3s instead of through traditional methods, and the agreement signed between the Government and Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to design, build, finance, and maintain these schools.
- MR14.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence sent to the Government between January 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, from businesses and non-governmental organizations regarding the Government's funding of carbon capture and storage technology.
- MR15.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.
- MR17.** Moved by Ms Notley:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the independent audit of the financing method being used for the construction of schools in Calgary referred to in the Assembly by the Minister of Education during Oral Question Period on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

MR18. Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all proposals, project timelines, and government objectives relating to the Green Transit Incentives Program (Green TRIP) initiative for the time period of January 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009.

MR19. Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all government research on technologies designed to reduce carbon emissions that were conducted between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

The following Motion for Returns was not moved and was removed from the Order Paper:

MR13. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all plans made in the fiscal year 2007-2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009, for future investments in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Elniski (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to permit the use of low-speed vehicles on roads with a posted speed limit of *up to* 60 kilometres per hour.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 20, 2009