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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, May 13, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Canadian Home Builders' Association's Built Green program and the Calgary region's 22nd annual Sales and Marketing Awards.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing teachers Lori Irvine and William Smolak, recipients of the Hilton Mierau Award of Excellence in Off-Campus Learning sponsored by Careers: the Next Generation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Buffalo Gals, a group of 10 western Canadians who explore Alberta.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing May 21, 2009, as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing May 15, 2009, as International Day of the Family.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing May 10-16, 2009, as Alberta Crime Prevention Week and the recent Solicitor General and Public Security Crime Prevention Awards.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 14, 2009, Department of Employment and Immigration Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 337/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Petition signed by 103 Calgary and area residents urging the government to immediately provide public funding for the drug Reviimid as a choice for patients with multiple myeloma

Sessional Paper 338/2009

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

E-mail message dated May 12, 2009, from Alison Ainsworth of Red Deer to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, regarding Ms Ainsworth's continued demand for an apology from Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, for disclosing her personal information

Sessional Paper 339/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated May 11, 2009, from Ken Hughes, Chair, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding surgery cancellations at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

Sessional Paper 340/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

4 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, expressing concern regarding the affordability and availability of health services to seniors

Sessional Paper 341/2009

2 letters, undated, from Dave Williams and Miriam Farrington to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the calculation used to determine the present cost of living allowance and the government's pharmaceutical strategy

Sessional Paper 342/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 26, 2009, from Al Kiffiak of Edmonton to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care coverage for middle-income seniors

Sessional Paper 343/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, for Alberta students with student loans, what was the average size of their *net* student loan debt at the time of consolidation, which is six months after they cease being enrolled as full-time students?

Sessional Paper 344/2009

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, how long did the average person with Alberta student loans take to pay the loans off?

Sessional Paper 345/2009

## **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 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blakett

A debate followed.

Mr. Taylor moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Hehr speaking.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford

## Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Ady	Hancock	Olson
Anderson	Horne	Quest
Benito	Jablonski	Rodney
Bhardwaj	Johnson	Sarich
Blackett	Johnston	Sherman
Dallas	Knight	Tarchuk
Danyluk	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Elniski	Marz	Weadick
Fritz	Oberle	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman  
MacDonald

Mason

Taft

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time because the Bill has not been subject to sufficient consultation with teachers and school boards.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

### **Conflict of Interest**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 25, Teachers’ Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$), and absented themselves from the debate and vote on this Bill.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 25 Teachers’ Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for  
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned  
at 11:09 p.m. until Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 13, 2009