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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2010, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement congratulating Richard Kadlec, Mel Roberts, and Tim Vandenbrink on receiving a 2010 Canadian Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing March 19, 2010, as the 100th anniversary of the Land Surveyors Act receiving Royal Assent.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the need for safety legislation to include farm workers.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the government's 2010 budget and Alberta's financial position.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Sylvan Lake Pond Hockey Tournament held from March 11-14, 2010.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, on behalf of Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake (Minister of Transportation) made a statement congratulating Lyndon Rush on winning a bronze medal in four-man bobsleigh at the 2010 Winter Olympics held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding oil and gas royalty rollbacks.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, was not in order to be presented.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to complete the Daily Routine.

Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Over 1,000 letters from Albertans on behalf of the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak School Community to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, requesting funding for the construction of new public schools in Calgary

Sessional Paper 118/2010

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Report dated April 7, 2009, entitled "Alberta Budget Highlights" prepared by Dr. Sherry Cooper, Chief Economist, BMO Capital Markets

Sessional Paper 119/2010

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

2 reports, the first dated March 31, 2009, entitled "Labour Standards and Workplace Safety, Employment Standards Compliance, TFW Monthly Activity and Status Report" and the second dated January 31, 2010, entitled "Employment Standards Branch, Regional Services, TFW Monthly Activity and Status Report" both prepared by Alberta Employment and Immigration

Sessional Paper 120/2010

Copies of 34 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 121/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Memorandum dated March 15, 2010, from Allan Governder, Contract Specialist Calgary Region Community Board, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, to the Calgary SCOPE Society, regarding their 2010-2011 service provider agreement budget allocation

Sessional Paper 122/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated December 1, 2009, from Marie O'Brien, and the second dated December 2, 2009, from Carole Aippersbach, both of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute psychiatric care beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 123/2010

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on February 22, 2010, Department of Transportation Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 124/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated March 17, 2010, entitled "Quality Assurance Review of the Three Medication and One Expressed Breast Milk Incidents at the Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, Alberta" prepared by the Health Quality Council of Alberta
Sessional Paper 125/2010

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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 22 to March 25, 2010:

Tuesday, March 23	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Committee of the Whole Bill 7 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 24	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 9, 13, 14 Committee of the Whole Bill 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 25	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 15 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Hehr, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, on behalf of Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Community Services has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Culture and Community Spirit, Education, Housing and Urban Affairs, Municipal Affairs, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on the Economy has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Employment and Immigration, Finance and Enterprise, Infrastructure, and Transportation.

Ms Pastoor, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Health, on behalf of Mr. McFarland, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Health has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Children and Youth Services, Health and Wellness, and Seniors and Community Supports.

Mr. Drysdale, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Aboriginal Relations, Justice, Service Alberta, Solicitor General and Public Security, and the Treasury Board.

Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Resources and Environment has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Energy, Environment, International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Sustainable Resource Development.

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2010-11 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates and the Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$58,450,000
Office of the Auditor General	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,165,000
Office of the Ombudsman	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,888,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,926,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$943,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,741,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$152,554,000
Advanced Education and Technology	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,092,832,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$206,700,000
Agriculture and Rural Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$645,995,000
Children and Youth Services	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,102,159,000
Culture and Community Spirit	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$269,103,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,340,000

Education		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$4,149,186,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements		\$6,112,000
Employment and Immigration		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$1,104,122,000
Energy		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$205,615,000
Environment		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$228,904,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements		\$800,000
Executive Council		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$31,688,000
Finance and Enterprise		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$116,735,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements		\$36,917,000
Health and Wellness		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$15,062,686,000
Capital Investment		\$19,200,000
Housing and Urban Affairs		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$510,063,000
Infrastructure		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$1,183,671,000
Capital Investment		\$396,319,000
International and Intergovernmental Relations		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$23,977,000
Justice		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$454,947,000
Municipal Affairs		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$1,031,513,000
Seniors and Community Supports		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$1,992,375,000
Service Alberta		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$348,927,000
Capital Investment		\$110,000,000

Solicitor General and Public Security	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$614,926,000
Capital Investment	\$24,700,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,294,116,000
Sustainable Resource Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$297,651,000
Capital Investment	\$18,425,000
Tourism, Parks and Recreation	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$174,028,000
Capital Investment	\$19,492,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,500,000
Transportation	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,024,043,000
Capital Investment	\$1,490,719,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$8,290,000
Treasury Board	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$53,552,000
Capital Investment	\$62,200,000

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Johnston, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on March 17, 2010) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 117/2010

Subamendment to Bill 7 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 126/2010

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 18, 2010