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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Louis Riel.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding a shortage of schools in Airdrie.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the work of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need to reform the Canada Pension Plan.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing November 17, 2010, as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing November 16, 2010, as the International Day of Tolerance.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system and instead commit to strengthening the single-payer public system.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, presented a petition from over 3,300 Albertans urging the Government to immediately address the school infrastructure shortage in Airdrie.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Report dated October 2010 entitled "Alberta's International Strategy, Global Advocacy for Alberta" prepared by the Government of Alberta Sessional Paper 349/2010

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Report, undated, entitled "Victims Services Status Report 2009-2010" prepared by Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security

Sessional Paper 350/2010

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 351/2010

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 352/2010

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2008/09, with attached financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2009 Sessional Paper 353/2010

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 354/2010

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

Letter dated September 10, 2010, from Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 14, 2010, regarding ATB Financial's risk achievement notes

Sessional Paper 355/2010

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 25, 2009, from Sheila Oliver and the second dated December 19, 2009, from Mervin Prediger, both 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 356/2010

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

38 letters dated November 1, 2010, from Albertans to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, and Hon. Mr. Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance, expressing support for increasing Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits and for the Canadian Labour Congress's Retirement for Everyone campaign

Sessional Paper 357/2010

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

Publication dated May-June 2010 entitled "English Express" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 358/2010

Document dated May-June 2010 entitled "English Express Teaching Notes" Sessional Paper 359/2010

Letter dated September 10, 2010, from Patsy Price of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding special issues of the English Express publication

Sessional Paper 360/2010

E-mail message dated November 11, 2010, from Professor Shaun Fluker, University of Calgary, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, forwarding an e-mail message dated November 11, 2010, from Mr. Fluker to Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, requesting assistance in having Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, withdrawn

Sessional Paper 361/2010

ABlawg.ca web site article dated November 8, 2010, entitled "Alberta proposes to consolidate its protected areas legislation" prepared by Shaun Fluker

Sessional Paper 362/2010

Series of recent e-mail messages between Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Heather Looy, Ph.D., expressing opposition to Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 363/2010

E-mail message dated November 15, 2010, from Catherine Shier to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting that Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, be withdrawn and that the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation be required to consult with the public

Sessional Paper 364/2010

Letter dated July 16, 2010, from Alison Dinwoodie on behalf of the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association, to Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, expressing concern regarding proposed parks and protected areas legislation

Sessional Paper 365/2010

Letter dated July 14, 2010, from Anne-Marie Syslak and Katherine Thompson, Executive Directors, Northern and Southern Alberta Chapters, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, expressing concern regarding proposed parks and protected areas legislation

Sessional Paper 366/2010

48 recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 367/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated October 2010 entitled "The Future of Pensions" prepared for the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Public Service Alliance of Canada by Environics Research Group

Sessional Paper 368/2010

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

Mr. Doerksen 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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 - Mr. Griffiths

Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 - Hon. Mr. Liepert

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Weadick

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 - Mr. Johnston

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 - 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act — Mr. Olson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 - Hon. Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

The Acting Speaker recessed the Assembly from 8:41 p.m. to 8:46 p.m. while a building alarm was being investigated.

Debate resumed.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, 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 17, Alberta Health Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 - Mr. Drysdale

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 with some amendments:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 - Mr. Johnston

Dr. Brown, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 16 (SA2) (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 369/2010

Amendment to Bill 16 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 370/2010

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 16, 2010