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

While awaiting the arrival of His Excellency, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, CC, and the Premier entered the Chamber. His Excellency took his place upon the Throne.

The Speaker invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead Members and guests in the singing of the National Anthem, O Canada.

Speaker's Statement

Your Excellencies, on behalf of all Members and the people of Alberta, I am pleased to welcome Your Excellencies to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

By any measure, Your Excellency is an exceptional Canadian of uncommon and high achievement in many fields. Her Excellency and your family mirror your devotion to the service of others, family, and the ideals we strive to embrace as a nation. We congratulate you on your appointment as Canada's 28th Governor General.

This is a rare and significant occasion. Today marks only the second time that a Governor General has addressed our Assembly since its first sitting in 1906.

Your Excellency's presence here today serves to underline the connection between the Crown and our Assembly. The authority for all that we do here flows from the Crown and the acts of this provincial parliament are in the name of the person that you have the honour to represent in every cardinal point in this great dominion, Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada.

Please carry the affection, great respect, and the good wishes of all Members of this House with you wherever your travels take you throughout this beautiful province and across our absolutely outstanding country.

It is now my honour to invite the Honourable Premier of Alberta, Premier Ed Stelmach, to deliver his remarks to Your Excellencies and the citizens of Alberta.

Premier's Statement

Your Excellencies, distinguished guests in all the galleries, ladies and gentlemen, it is my very great privilege to welcome Their Excellencies, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General, and also the Commander in Chief, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston, to the Alberta Legislature. Earlier today I had the privilege of hosting a luncheon in their honour at Government House. Many of our guests at the luncheon are seated in the galleries today. At lunch I announced the creation of the David Johnston Law Scholarship to mark His Excellency's first official visit to Alberta. This scholarship is a new addition to Alberta's already generous scholarship program that will provide two annual awards of \$10,000 each beginning next year. They will be for students taking a law degree at the University of Alberta and the other at the University of Calgary. The David Johnston Law Scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement and community service. I'm sure that all Members of this Assembly will agree with me that this is a fitting tribute to a man with such a long and distinguished career as His Excellency has had.

Your Excellencies, all Albertans are honoured to receive you as our guests as we are honoured that Her Majesty's representative in Canada has come to Alberta so early in his term. We hope that you both enjoy your visit to our province and experience the warm western hospitality which Albertans are so well known for. You'll find that there are no more proud or committed Canadians than Albertans. Thank you so very, very much, and welcome once again to our Assembly.

Address from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, dear friends. Let me begin with a question: is there any place in Canada where O Canada is sung with the enthusiasm and pride as in this Legislature in Alberta? Wonderful to hear.

Premier, let me say, first of all, how deeply touched I am with these two scholarships to recognize the first visit that Sharon and I have paid to Alberta. You could not do anything that would touch my heart more. Thank you.

Je veux dire aussi félicitations sur l'événement d'hier, la Coupe Grey. C'est vraiment une organisation spectaculaire. La Coupe Grey est un festival national, et ici en Alberta vous avez montré à tout notre pays les méthodes d'organisation de vraiment créer un spectacle que j'admire beaucoup, ici à Edmonton cette année et l'année dernière à Calgary. Merci et félicitations pour cet événement.

Now, if some of you have roots in Saskatchewan, you may not have quite the same enthusiasm that I have for the Grey Cup.

In my installation speech some two months ago I spoke about a dream. I spoke about a smart and caring nation, a call for service, the Canada that we wish to be. There were three pillars in that caring and smart nation. One had to do with family and children, the second with learning and innovation, and the third with philanthropy and volunteerism. I can tell you what we've seen in a short 24 hours in this remarkable Province of Alberta. You do all three of those things very well and set the standard for the rest of Canada.

Family. We spent a wonderful hour this morning at St. Mary Catholic School in south Edmonton, and for those of you who have not seen the innovative programs there, particularly the information technology, it is a wonder to see. I urge you to visit it; again, setting the standard.

You know, one of the very special things about this country is that I think we've tried harder at equality of opportunity than any nation in history. Our challenge is to have both equality of opportunity and excellence, too, to see those two qualities or objectives as not competing ones, but complementary ones. At the heart of it is our public education system, which you consistently have done so well in this province at every level and are setting the standards for the country and setting the standards for the world.

Our country, more than any other, is a country of immigrants. People who came to this country with little more than the shirts on their backs, but a firm determination that life should be better for their children than it is for them. That dream lives so well.

Vague après vague des immigrants sont venues ici, abandonnant tout dans leur pays natal, mûs par leur ardent désir d'offrir une vie meilleure à leurs enfants. En Alberta cet esprit de pionnier est encore bien vivant. Vous comprenez l'importance d'aider vos voisins, et je vous en félicite.

We spoke about a couple of paintings at lunchtime that hang in Rideau Hall, and I invite all of you and your families to visit the people's home, which is Rideau Hall. As you come into the foyer, as I was telling Premier Stelmach as we were speaking about his own upbringing, there are four pictures by William Kureluk there. The first shows a scene in the Ukraine in 1931 with a little girl leaving her home clothed in rags in the middle of winter with a begging bowl to go to the neighbours for help. In the background it shows soldiers rounding up the adults in that village to take them off somewhere unknown. The second picture shows those families from the Ukraine landing at Halifax, at Pier 21, coming to this country with nothing more than hope. The third picture is a scene from the prairies. It's the same family, there with a forest, and they're cutting down the trees to clear the land. The fourth picture is a picture some 20 years later of a farmer standing up to his chin in a grain field looking at the bounty that this has promised. This is this land Canada with equality of opportunity and excellence, too.

Let me move from family and children to learning and innovation and to say to you what you probably don't fully comprehend because you're in Alberta and part of Alberta. When we look at Alberta from the rest of the country and the rest of the world, we see a spirit of entrepreneurship, of innovation here which is breathtaking and is very heartening to everybody across the country. It's the entrepreneurship that I want to teach to my children.

I once was asked by our students at the University of Waterloo to address their conference on entrepreneurship. They asked me to address the question: can you teach entrepreneurship, or is it simply something you have, born in your DNA, or do you learn it? I said, "Well, let me tell you about my granddaughter Emma." We have seven grandchildren. Emma was then four years old; she's now eight, a lovely little girl adopted from an orphanage in Colombia. She calls me Grandpa Book. I was with her one evening in Ottawa and brought the book to read to her, and we finished the book. Because she's a very lively little girl, you always have to keep her engaged, so I said, "Now, darling, your mom and dad tell me that you're taking dancing lessons; will you dance for Grandpa Book?" She says, "Well, Grandpa Book, if I dance for you, how much money will you give me?" Four years old. Now, you're always looking for a teaching opportunity, so I said, "Now, darling, Grandpa Book loves you and you love Grandpa Book. Will you dance for Grandpa Book for love?" She says, "Grandpa Book, for love you can dance for yourself."

There is a cluster effect that is very important in this business of family and children, of learning and innovation, and philanthropy and volunteerism. Philanthropy and volunteerism I depict with a metaphor I use from my part of the country, Waterloo country, which is barn raising. When a neighbour's barn burns down, all the other neighbours go to help. When a newcomer comes to the community, the other neighbours come to help that person raise their barn.

The story that Sharon and I tell: we live on a farm 11 minutes from my office in Mennonite country. Our neighbours are horse-and-buggy people. Sharon runs a stable with 30 horses boarded there. It's a tough business to break even, I gotta tell you. Those of you who are farmers here will understand that. We were there a couple of years and the insurance had gone up, and Sharon was looking at each of the buildings on the property to determine what the right evaluation was, could we lower it to reduce our premiums.

Edgar Shantz, our neighbour who farms our land, happened to be there at the same time. She said, "Edgar, this drive shed, we've got a value of \$20,000 on it. Is that right, or could it be less?" He says, "Well, why do you ask?" She says, "Well, I have to insure it." He says, "Why are you insuring it?" She says, "Well, if it burns down we have to replace it." He says, "If it burns down, we'll replace it. We'll come and help you. That's what neighbours do." Then he said, "Well, if we could get second-hand materials – not sure, you might want something new, so put \$2,000 value on it. That will cover the materials. If it burns down, we'll come and help you." That's the wonderful spirit of volunteerism.

These things come together in a very interesting cluster effect. I just leave you with this story, and then I'll finish, so that I don't occupy too much time in the Legislature today. There's a reinforcing cluster that's very important. I love history. One of my favourite periods of history is the 16th century. It's a story that has either three characters or four characters or more if I have more time. Today it will be only four characters. The characters are John, Marty, Fred, and Nick. Take 1523 as your year of depart, and ask yourself: who were John, John is a bit earlier; Marty, that year would be fine; Fred, that year would be fine; and Nick, that year would be fine.

Well, John was Johannes Gutenberg, who developed movable type, who invented the printing press. That was in 1470 or so in Amsterdam. He was a jeweller, and he went bankrupt, not once but twice. His printing press didn't go anywhere. His technology did not take root. It wasn't until 1523, when Marty came along, who started the Protestant and cultural revolution in Europe. Marty was Martin Luther. In 1523 he translated the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek, not the Latin translation of the church, into German, into the vernacular so people could understand the Bible in their own language.

The most important thing in 1523 was an individual's relationship with God, but heretofore that had been translated for that individual by priests and bishops and cardinals and popes, an intermediation. He began the process of disintermediation and permitted people to seek out those truths on their own, not relying on authority in an oral tradition, but reasoning it through themselves in their own language. Others did the same thing, Wycliffe in England, and others translated the Bible, the Holy Word, into the language that people could understand, and that Protestant revolution of people learning in a different way took the printing press and transferred it across Europe.

What about Fred? Fred was essential. Fred was Frederick the Elector of Saxony who in 1523 sheltered Luther for one year in his castle in Wartburg. Had he not done so, Luther would not have been able to translate the Bible. He needed protection from other forces that said: this revolution in thinking, in communication shall not occur. This revolution in technology of the printed word shall not occur.

All three were indispensable. What happened from that is the religious tracts, religious word began being disseminated not through an oral and authoritarian tradition, but by people reading on their own, interpreting for themselves, developing critical thinking. That was the breakdown of feudalism in Europe. The cities began to rise, the serfdom diminished, people began to contract for their labour, the Industrial Revolution began, democratic governments began to establish themselves, public education where people were taught to do this spread throughout the lands, and Europe advanced.

The fourth person was Nick, Niccolò Machiavelli, who in 1523 wrote *The Prince* in Florence, that beautiful city, the cradle of the Renaissance, and that was the first secular book to become a bestseller. So the printing press no longer was simply for religious education; it was for education and learning of all kind. Now, it took 250 years for the printing press to reach the stage where a majority of the people in Europe enjoyed the benefits. The Internet took 10 years to achieve the same kind of revolution. Just think about that.

That's how western Europe advanced, and if you doubt that, realize that for 2,000 years the world of Islam, the world of China, and the world of India were advanced beyond western Europe. Western Europe was the backward power for 1,500 years of the 2,000 years, but western Europe advanced because this new method of communication spread into the hands of all people imaginable. China had the printing press when Marco Polo arrived there in 1215. It is believed that movable type was invented in Korea in the second century, AD. So those other civilizations – Islam, well advanced in engineering; India, where mathematics began – those societies all had the Johns, all had the technological revolution. What they lacked were the Martys, and what they lacked, the Freds, and then the Nicks.

You ask today who represents the Freds. You represent the Freds right here. We create an environment in which learning can advance, in which we can innovate, in which people can ensure that life is better for their children than it is for themselves, and in which philanthropy and volunteerism are not simply something that we opt into or opt out of when United Way comes canvassing or the Salvation Army is or our neighbour needs a barn built but is a mainstream feature of Canadian life.

Year 2017 we'll celebrate our 150th anniversary. I hope as we proceed to that time the people of Alberta will continue to lead Canada, as you have so well, in being a smart and caring nation. Let me leave you with just two lines that I quoted to the Premier at lunch that I love and I'll use again. They come from Shaw, and they go this way: some people see things as they are and wonder why; we dream of things that ought to be and ask why not?

Thank you for the great privilege of addressing you today.

Speaker's Statement

I'd like to thank His Excellency for his warmth, his enthusiasm, and his humour, all fundamental traits of the people of Alberta, and I believe in my quick consultation with the Premier that manifests itself into declaring you an honorary citizen of Alberta.

Your Excellency, I'd like to also draw to your attention one feature in the Assembly which is unique in the country of Canada. This is the only parliament in the country of Canada that flies all of the flags of the provinces and territories in it. It's unique.

The Speaker invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead Members and guests in the singing of the Royal Anthem, God Save the Queen.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue Introduction of Guests past 2:22 p.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Speaker's Statement - Rotation of Questions and Members' Statements

I want to advise of certain modifications as a result of recent changes to the composition of caucuses. As of Tuesday, November 23, 2010, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark is sitting in the Assembly as an independent. This change affects the rotation of questions and of Members' Statements outlined in the Chair's October 25, 2010, statement in this Assembly on pages 917 and 918 of Alberta Hansard for that day. Given the number of changes to the rotation and to the seating plan so far this Session, the Chair has attempted to integrate the new independent Member into the rotation of questions and Members' Statements with a minimum of disruption to the existing order.

As the Chair has indicated previously, changes to the rotation are done in the spirit of fairness that marks the proceedings in this Assembly. Accordingly, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, like the Member for Calgary-Currie, will be entitled to one question every four days. Today is considered day one in the rotation scheme used in the Assembly.

As the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark took his new seat Tuesday, November 23, it seems appropriate that he be able to ask a question this Wednesday, which is December 1, 2010, or day three in the rotation. He will be entitled to ask the sixth question and the remaining places will be moved down one, so the Official Opposition will have the seventh question, Government Members the eighth question etc. It will mark a departure from our previous rotation as the Official Opposition will now have the 18th question.

Similarly, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark will be able to participate in Members' Statements on the same basis as the other independent Member. Given that the Member's affiliation was changed last Tuesday, by the rotation used in these matters he will be entitled to a Member's Statement also on Wednesday, December 1.

The Chair will provide calendars and outlines of the order of questions during question period to all Members.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, made a statement regarding the Grey Cup Championship held in Edmonton on November 28, 2010.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Grey Cup Championship held in Edmonton on November 28, 2010.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Official Opposition's emergency health care plan.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Investing in New Canadians program, a joint initiative of the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and RBC.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Passport to Alberta's Community Icons, a joint initiative of Woodland County and Tourism Alberta.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the work of staff during Assembly sittings.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Assist Community Services Centre.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the government's review of water allocation.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Hinman	Notley
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Lindsay	Quest
Blakeman	Marz	Rogers

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ombudsman and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

1. The Chair and members of the committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category A Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
2. Reasonable disbursements by the committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
4. The committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
5. When its work has been completed, the committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

As of December 31, 2009, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community?

Sessional Paper 424/2010

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 425/2010

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 426/2010

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, Health Quality Council of Alberta Regulation, cR-10, s14(3), AR 130/2006, s18(1), s19(2), Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2009-2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 427/2010

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 428/2010

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Treasury Board on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 429/2010

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

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Employment and Immigration on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 430/2010

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2010

Sessional Paper 431/2010

Pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 432/2010

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the Year End June 30, 2010

Sessional Paper 433/2010

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2009 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009, with attached financial statements of the Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program dated December 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 434/2010

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, with attached financial statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 435/2010

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 436/2010

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 437/2010

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2009 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program - Schedule of Funds Received and Disbursed and Cash Balance

Sessional Paper 438/2010

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2009-2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 439/2010

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6), Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 440/2010

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, on behalf of Mr. Hayden, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler (Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development):

Petition signed by approximately 100 Albertans urging the Government to improve Secondary Highway 561 between Highway 36 and Secondary Highway 884

Sessional Paper 441/2010

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 442/2010

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number of complaints regarding zoo standards dealt with by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from January 1, 2003, to February 7, 2010?

Sessional Paper 443/2010

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What specific programs have been developed to aid Alberta pork producers who suffered economic losses due to the recent H1N1 outbreak?

Sessional Paper 444/2010

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

A copy of the report titled Stakeholders' Consultation: Occupational Health and Safety, prepared in November 2009 for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Alberta Employment and Immigration that addresses, in part the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.

Sessional Paper 445/2010

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ26, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 446/2010

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

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 447/2010

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 448/2010

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 449/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated July 12, 2010, entitled "Alberta's Health Legislation: Moving Forward" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 450/2010

Letter dated November 29, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching a letter signed by 307 Albertans to the Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care legislation

Sessional Paper 451/2010

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Report dated June 2010 entitled "Inspiring Action on Education" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 452/2010

Report entitled "Speak Out Alberta Student Engagement Initiative, Year in Review 2009-2010" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 453/2010

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

3 letters, the first dated May 30, 2010, to Connie Matson, Medicine Hat Food Bank, the second dated June 30, 2010, to Deb Bakker, Lethbridge Salvation Army Food Bank, and the third dated July 30, 2010, to Dannielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Bank, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 454/2010

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Letter dated November 22, 2010, from Anne Landry of Calgary to Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, regarding a letter dated October 28, 2010, from Ms Landry to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting Mr. Stelmach intervene in Ms Landry's case before the Alberta Privacy Commissioner, with several attachments

Sessional Paper 455/2010

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Pamphlet entitled "Your Passport to Alberta's Community Icons"

Sessional Paper 456/2010

Alberta Health Services web site article, undated, entitled "Emergency Department Surge Capacity Protocols"

Sessional Paper 457/2010

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

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 458/2010

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 459/2010

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

Document dated November 25, 2010, entitled "Afghanistan's First National Park"

Sessional Paper 460/2010

E-mail message dated November 16, 2010, from Chris Shank of Cochrane to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 461/2010

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2009, and 2009 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations, Annual Report

Sessional Paper 462/2009

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Responses to Written Questions WQ5 and WQ29, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

WQ5. What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Education on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

WQ29. What was the total number of sole source contracts the Ministry of Education entered into in Edmonton during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 463/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 464/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 465/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Justice on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 466/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 467/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Service Alberta on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 468/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Transportation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 469/2010

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

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 470/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Dr. Swann on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by Executive Council on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 471/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 472/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 1

Sessional Paper 473/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 2

Sessional Paper 474/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 3

Sessional Paper 475/2010

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

Document dated February 2007 entitled "Position Statement on Emergency Department Overcrowding" prepared by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians

Sessional Paper 476/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Letter dated November 26, 2010, from Dr. Patrick J. White, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Alberta Medical Association Members, regarding recent events involving Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford

Sessional Paper 477/2010

Document dated November 4-5, 2010, entitled "OECD Education Ministerial Meeting, Investing in Human and Social Capital: New Challenges, Chair's Summary"

Sessional Paper 478/2010

Report dated September 10, 2010, entitled "Success in School for Children and Youth in Care" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 479/2010

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Infrastructure on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 480/2010

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 481/2010

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

A copy of studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Sessional Paper 482/2010

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

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number of clients dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project between February 4, 2008, and February 8, 2010?

Sessional Paper 483/2010

Response to Written Question WQ36, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta *in 2008 and 2009*?

Sessional Paper 484/2010

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the *ratio of overtime hours worked to straight time hours worked for registered nurses employed by Alberta Health Services in the former Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions for the fiscal year 2008/2009*?

Sessional Paper 485/2010

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number, from January 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010, of restaurant inspections performed by public health inspectors throughout Alberta, broken down by month?

Sessional Paper 486/2010

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 29, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

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 Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 27 (A3) (Hon. Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 487/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 488/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 489/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 490/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 491/2010

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the motion for Third Reading of Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill is contrary to the public interest and will jeopardize access to justice, procedural fairness and the fundamental principles of natural justice for Albertans victimized by police misconduct.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion for Third Reading of Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be amended by deleting all words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Third time because the Bill fails to provide for improved procedures for complaints concerning police officers and police services.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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 24 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 492/2010

Amendment to Bill 24 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) —
Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 493/2010

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 29, 2010