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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

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

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding a new X-ray machine to be installed at the Whitecourt Healthcare Centre.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the need for more seniors to be placed in long-term care rather than in assisted living facilities.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2011, as World Water Day.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement outlining strengths in Alberta's health care system.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the government's 5-Year Health Action Plan as it relates to seniors.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement expressing opposition to proposed logging and off-road vehicle use in the Castle Special Management Area.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that given new evidence from health professionals concerning threats to their careers that follow from public advocacy for patients, in particular the release of a letter by Dr. Lloyd Maybaum containing an explicit threat from his superior in 2008, the government needs to immediately appoint a commission under the Public Inquiries Act to investigate allegations that health care professionals may have been intimidated or faced the loss of employment or professional certification, or had their character or mental health questioned unfairly in order to prevent them from speaking out publicly about deficiencies in the delivery of health care, and further, that individuals may have received payments from public health authorities in exchange for their silence.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Mrs. McQueen

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

Bill 16 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Mrs. McQueen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated December 4, 2009, from Karen Craik, Secretary/Treasurer, and Jane Sustrik, 2nd Vice-President, United Nurses of Alberta, to Noela Inions, QC, regarding their report on a code of conduct complaint

Sessional Paper 163/2011

Report dated March 2011 entitled “Wait Times in Canada - A Comparison by Province, 2011” prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information

Sessional Paper 164/2011

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2011, from Naomi Fridhandler to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching a draft letter to Ms Blakeman expressing concern regarding the proposed loss of funding for the Alberta Medical Association’s Physician and Family Support Program

Sessional Paper 165/2011

Notice of a Friends of Medicare public rally to be held at the Alberta Legislature on March 26, 2011

Sessional Paper 166/2011

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated March 22, 2011, entitled "Time for a truce in health-care debate"

Sessional Paper 167/2011

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

Calgary Herald web site article dated March 20, 2011, entitled "Out of the shadows, public inquiry needed to end intimidation of doctors"

Sessional Paper 168/2011

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

Prairie Post web site article dated March 17, 2011, entitled "Parks legislation under revision, drawing concern"

Sessional Paper 169/2011

Lethbridge Herald web site article dated March 16, 2011, entitled "Tories must do a better job of listening"

Sessional Paper 170/2011

10 recent provincial news' web site articles expressing opposition to proposed logging and off-road vehicle use in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 171/2011

E-mail message dated March 9, 2011, from Juergen Boden of Germany to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to proposed logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 172/2011

50 recent e-mail messages from Canadians to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to proposed logging and off-road vehicle use in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 173/2011

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

Program from the Immigrants of Distinction Awards Masquerade Gala held in Calgary on March 18, 2011

Sessional Paper 174/2011

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

Report dated March 2011 entitled “Canada’s Colour Coded Labour Market” prepared by the Wellesley Institute and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 175/2011

Letter dated March 21, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, responding to Mr. Boutilier’s letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding 300 Fort McMurray residents who were evacuated by an emergency order

Sessional Paper 176/2011

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that given new evidence from health professionals concerning threats to their careers that follow from public advocacy for patients, in particular the release of a letter by Dr. Lloyd Maybaum containing an explicit threat from his superior in 2008, the government needs to immediately appoint a commission under the Public Inquiries Act to investigate allegations that health care professionals may have been intimidated or faced the loss of employment or professional certification, or had their character or mental health questioned unfairly in order to prevent them from speaking out publicly about deficiencies in the delivery of health care, and further, that individuals may have received payments from public health authorities in exchange for their silence.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Environment, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:18 p.m. until Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 22, 2011