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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, made a statement regarding government initiatives to end homelessness.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker read a letter from the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature. Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, and Mr. Mitzel, Deputy Chair of Committees, then presented the departing Pages with a gift.

Members' Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth High School.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the work environment of nurses.

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Tourism, Parks and Recreation public safety team.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing June 6-12, 2011, as Seniors' Week.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Alberta Marlin Acquatic Club, and Tianna Rissling and her coach, Peter Schori, who will compete in the World Swimming Championships in Shanghai, China, to be held from July 24-31, 2011.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding government spending.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 95 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to provide full funding to open the urgent care and family practice sections of the East Edmonton Health Centre no later than March 1, 2011.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from approximately 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing the funding to the Ministry of Education so that sustainable and adequate funding is provided to address the needs of every student, every day, no exceptions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Health Statutes (Canada Health Act Reaffirmation) Amendment Act, 2011
— Mr. Mason

Bill 209 Tailings Ponds Reclamation Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 —
Ms Blakeman

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 21, 2011:

Which groups, that previously received funding from the Wild Rose Foundation, but were no longer able to receive funding after the program was cut, were unable to obtain similar funding through publicly funded grant programs, such as the Community Initiatives Program?

Sessional Paper 385/2011

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Ms Blakeman on May 9, 2011:

As of March 11, 2011, what is the current status of the Alberta Creative Hub that the Minister of Culture and Community Spirit announced in June 2010 and which had received \$1.4 million from his Ministry's budget?

Sessional Paper 386/2011

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

Report dated March 2011 entitled "Ending Homelessness in Medicine Hat" prepared by the Alberta Secretariat for Action on Homelessness

Sessional Paper 387/2011

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

2 letters dated May 11, 2011, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, offering thanks for their hard work and outstanding performance as members of the Alberta Liberal Party

Sessional Paper 388/2011

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

2 letters dated May 9, 2011, from Michelle Tyslav and Sheryl Trimble, both of Lethbridge, to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 389/2011

2 recent e-mail messages from Brent Harris of Calgary and Ann McLaughlin of Edmonton, both to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern to proposed logging of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 390/2011

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

6 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Calgary Board of Education funding cuts
Sessional Paper 391/2011

4 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding cancer patients' access to medical treatments
Sessional Paper 392/2011

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

Responses to questions raised by Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on March 14, 2011, department of Employment and Immigration, Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 393/2011

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 7, 2011, from Nicole Thulien of Veteran to the Alberta NDP Opposition expressing concern regarding Veteran School
Sessional Paper 394/2011

Copies of 31 postcards from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requesting that the constitutional guarantee of Catholic education be preserved in the new Education Act and that the government provide adequate, predictable, and sustainable funding for education without dependency on fundraising by parents or children
Sessional Paper 395/2011

Copies of 4 postcards from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requesting the restoration of funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Sessional Paper 396/2011

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 12, 2011, department of Advanced Education and Technology, Main Estimates

Sessional Paper 397/2011

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) to allow Government Motion 17 to be moved.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Information and Privacy Commissioner 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 Information and Privacy Commissioner 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 16 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Mrs. McQueen
- Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olson
- Bill 20 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill Pr1 Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rodney on behalf of Mr. Rogers
- Bill Pr2 Galt Scholarship Fund Transfer Act — Ms Pastoor
- Bill Pr7 Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rodney

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 11, 2011