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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, March 21, 2011

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, 2011, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing April 2011 as Safe Digging Month.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding his father, Kirti Kumar Sherman, who passed away on March 20, 2011.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Ward of the 21st Century at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the opening of the East Calgary Health Centre.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding positive experiences in the health care system.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the 15th annual Pigeon Lake Ice Golf Tournament held in Mulhurst Bay on March 19, 2011.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Pythagorean theorem and the freedom of Members of the Legislative Assembly to make statements about themselves.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

How much oil was spilled as a result of the wellhead failure at Devon Energy Corporation's Jackfish oil sands site, which sent a plume of bitumen-laced, high temperature steam into the air for nearly 36 hours on July 10 and 11, 2010?

WQ2. Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

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?

WQ11. Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

How many times and under what circumstances has the Lieutenant Governor in Council authorized expropriation of land under section 9(2)(h) of the Alberta Land Stewardship Act?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ6. Moved by Mr. Chase:

How many occupational health and safety cases has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration sent to the Ministry of Justice with a recommendation to prosecute for each of the years 2003 to 2010?

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many occupational health and safety *investigation files* has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration sent to *Alberta Justice between 2003 and 2010 for its review to determine whether the evidence supports laying charges?*

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What are the monetary values attributed to bitumen (per grade per barrel) for each company included in the Alberta Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind Program?

WQ9. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

How many times have parents requested that a student be excluded from instruction, course of study, educational programs, or use of instructional materials under section 11.1 of the Alberta Human Rights Act since the section came into force on September 1, 2010?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the current position with respect to funding and staffing of the Alberta Creative Hub Corporation, the non-profit organization incorporated to develop and oversee the Alberta Creative Hub project, and what is the construction schedule for the project?

WQ12. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

What was the budget surplus, number of claims filed with, and number of claims approved by the Alberta New Home Warranty Program for the 2009-2010 fiscal year?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR1. Proposed by Mr. Kang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, and any other materials prepared for Alberta Transportation regarding the construction of the proposed Calgary airport trail tunnel.

MR2. Proposed by Mr. Kang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all detailed information, including flight records, final destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, that relates to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned aircraft from January 1, 2009, to December 15, 2010.

MR4. Proposed by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
Copies of documents relating to the participation of the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit in the development of the Alberta Creative Hub, including documents created by or submitted to the Ministry to assist in the Ministry's decision to provide funding for the project.

MR10. Proposed by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
Copies of documents supporting the statement in the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security that Alberta's adult inmate population is expected to grow by 23 percent between 2010 and 2015.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR9. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
Copies of documents providing analysis of the cost-effectiveness of electronic monitoring of offenders in Alberta as discussed in the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security.

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
Copies of documents *pertaining to the effectiveness* of electronic monitoring of offenders in Alberta as discussed in the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR3. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 20, 2011.

MR5. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of any assessments of the new Alberta Foundation for the Arts structure for grant programming that was introduced in April 2010 following the foundation's program evaluation.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 201 Health Insurance Premiums (Health Card Donor Declaration) Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Sandhu

Mr. Fawcett, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 201 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) —
Agreed to

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to make warning labels mandatory on all alcohol sold at retail outlets in the province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 17

Amery	Hehr	Lindsay
Calahasen	Horne	Lukaszuk
Chase	Jablonski	Quest
DeLong	Kang	Sandhu
Fritz	Klimchuk	Xiao
Groeneveld	Leskiw	

Against the motion: 12

Brown	Evans	Redford
Denis	Fawcett	Rogers
Doerksen	McFarland	Snelgrove
Drysdale	Oberle	Vandermeer

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 21, 2011