Some terms used in the Assembly

Bill - A proposed law. To become law, a Bill must pass three readings, committee study and be given Royal Assent.

Black Rod - A ceremonial baton the Sergeant-at-Arms uses when accompanying the Lieutenant Governor on such occasions as Royal Assent or the Speech from the Throne.

Cabinet (Executive Council) - The heads of government departments, led by the Premier and chosen from the elected members of the party holding the majority of seats in the Assembly.

Cabinet Minister - A member of the cabinet, the head of a government department.

Caucus - All of the elected members from one party, a private meeting of this group.

Chamber - The room where the Legislative Assembly holds its sittings.

Clerk - The chief permanent officer responsible for keeping the Assembly's records and providing procedural advice and administrative support to the Speaker and Members.

Committee of Supply - A committee of all Members of the Legislative Assembly which meets to discuss the government's budget estimates in detail.

Committee of the Whole - A committee of all Members of the Legislative Assembly which meets to discuss Bills in detail.

Estimates - The government's proposed expenditures for each government department.

Government - In the parliamentary sense, the cabinet (Executive Council), headed by the Premier.

Hansard - The official, verbatim record of parliamentary debates and proceedings.

House - The Legislative Assembly; also used to refer to the Chamber.

Legislative Assembly - A lawmaking body of elected representatives sometimes called the House

Lieutenant Governor - The representative of the monarch and formal head of state.

MLA - Member of the Legislative Assembly, one of the 83 elected representatives.

Mace - The ceremonial staff carried into the Assembly each day before the sitting begins. It symbolizes the authority of the Legislative Assembly.

Opposition - MLAs belonging to parties other than the governing party. In the House they sit opposite the cabinet and serve as critics of government policies.

Premier - The leader of the party holding the most seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Private Member - Any MLA who is not in the cabinet.

Readings - Three stages of a Bill. The Bill is introduced at first reading and may be debated at second and third readings.

Royal Assent - A ceremony in which the monarch's representative, the Lieutenant Governor, gives final approval to a Bill.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Legislative Assembly officer in charge of the security of the House and MLAs; also has custody of the Mace and the Black Rod.

Session - A series of meetings of the Legislative Assembly opened by Royal Proclamation and closed by cabinet order. When the session is divided into spring and fall periods, these periods are called sittings, as are the daily meetings of the Assembly.

Speaker - An MLA elected by all other MLAs to maintain order in the House in an impartial manner.

Speech from the Throne - The speech delivered by the Lieutenant Governor which opens each new session and outlines the government's proposed spending and lawmaking plans for the session.

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Legislature Building tours are free and begin at the Interpretive Centre and Gift Shop in the Legislature pedway just north of the fountains. The Interpretive Centre highlights the history of the Legislature Building and Alberta's parliamentary traditions while the gift shop offers quality Alberta crafts and souvenirs.

Interpretive Centre hours October 16 to April 30

Monday to Friday 9 - 4:30
Tours on the hour from 9 - 3
Sat/Sun & holidays 12 - 5
Tours on the hour from 12 - 4

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Monday to Friday 8:30 - 5 Sat/Sun & Holidays 9 - 5 Tours on the hour from 9 - 12 Every half hour from 12:30 - 4

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For information on educational programs or to book a tour for a group of 12 or more, please phone (780) 427-7362. If you are calling from outside Edmonton, dial the Government RITE line at 310-0000 and enter the 10-digit number.

Session is open to the Public (Galleries open 1/2 hour prior to each sitting)

Afternoons

Monday - Thursday 1:30 - 5:30

Monday - Wednesday 8 - 10

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THE 26TH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

August 24, 2006

Greetings from the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. We hope your visit will be an enjoyable one.

For your convenience this brochure contains a seating plan for the Legislative Assembly as well as a glossary of commonly used terms.

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Hon. Kenneth R. Kowalski Speaker Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock







The Legislative Assembly is the focal point of our democratic process. It is where laws are passed, policies approved and programs developed, all of which affect our way of life in Alberta.

There are 83 Members of the Legislative Assembly. They belong to political parties, and each represents a different constituency. Following an election the leader of a party having the most seats in the Assembly becomes the Premier and forms a government by choosing a cabinet from among the MLAs in that party. Each cabinet minister is responsible for a government department.

The elected Members from other parties form the opposition. Their job is to serve as a check on the government, criticizing and suggesting alternatives to its policies. The opposition party with the most seats is called the Official Opposition.

Some common terms used in the Assembly are defined on the back of this leaflet. Sources of other information about the legislative process are also listed there.

What to know if you are visiting the galleries

Seating Plan

Please remember that there are certain customs you must observe to ensure that your elected representatives can do their work without disturbances:

- Please enter and leave the galleries as quietly as possible.
- Please do not applaud or talk out loud.
- Briefcases, parcels, signs, banners or other objects are not permitted in the galleries.
- You may not smoke, eat or drink in the galleries.
- Each day's proceedings start with the Speaker's procession, led by the Sergeant-at-Arms bearing the Mace.
 Upon entering the Chamber, the Sergeant-at-Arms calls, "Order, order! Mr. Speaker." At this point please rise and remain standing until the Speaker has read the daily prayer.
- Should the Speaker stand at any time, please remain in place until he is seated.



Hon. Ken Kowalski Speaker



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Art Johnston



Len Webber Calgary-Foothills





Richard Magnus Calgary-North Hill



Ed Stelmach

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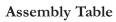
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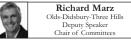
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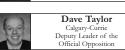
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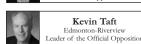
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