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TO: **All Members of the Legislative Assembly**

RE: **DRAWS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS AND MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS - 2ND SESSION 26TH LEGISLATURE - JULY 14, 2005**

I am pleased to enclose the results of the draws for Private Members' Public Bills and Motions other than Government Motions held July 14, 2005 for the anticipated 2nd session of the 26th Legislature.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

I would remind Members that Monday, September 19, 2005, is the deadline for submitting the first 20 Bill Requests to Parliamentary Counsel. For further information on applicable dates and other matters, please refer to the document "Private Members' Public Bills Procedure and Guidelines" which was attached to my June 21, 2005 memorandum on this subject.

Parliamentary Counsel looks forward to receiving the Bill Requests as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact that office at 422-4837.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Members are reminded that they may exchange positions with another Member of their caucus. Notification of changes, signed by the Member, along with the final text of the motions, also signed by the Member, need to be submitted to the Clerk of Journals/Table Research 15 days prior to the opening of the Second Session. Pursuant to Standing Order 39.1(4) a Member may also withdraw his/her motion either prior to the production of the first Order Paper of the new session or upon providing 4 sitting days' written notice to the Speaker before the motion is to be moved in the Assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact Micheline Orydzuk at 422-3949 should you have any questions about these motions.

Ken Kowalski, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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2006 PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS DRAW

HELD THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005, FOR THE

2ND SESSION OF THE 26TH LEGISLATURE

201. Liepert
202. Knight
203. Magnus
204. Abbott
205. Backs
206. deLong
207. Jablonski
208. Morton
209. Griffiths

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BILLS REPORT

Bill 201: Human Tissue Gift Amendment Act
Ron Liepert (PC—Calgary-West)

● This private member's bill sailed through second reading in one day. Liepert said he thinks it can pass third reading, still a rarity for private members' bills.

It largely duplicates a bill sponsored by **Heather Forsyth** in 1998. That bill passed but was never proclaimed into law. Forsyth says the issue was controversial but attitudes have changed and she wishes Liepert well.

MLAs from all parties supported Liepert. The Health Department still has qualms, apparently because of a provision allowing dying persons and their next of kin to be approached for organ and tissue donations.

Approaching a dying person and asking for permission to take his or her body parts after death isn't seen as an appropriate act during a sensitive and stressful time.

There's also a thought that younger victims of unexpected or accidental death are also usually the most suitable sources of body material.

Read this one as a backbench protest. But Health Minister **Iris Evans** says there's a chance a compromise may yet be worked out. If not, she has her own bill on standby.