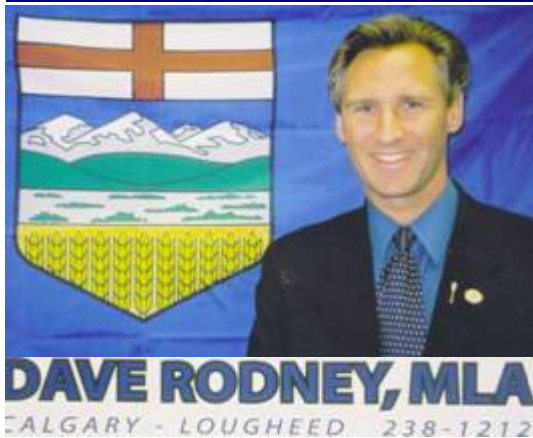


ONWARD & UPWARD!



The Centennial has certainly been exciting so far: I have received many personal visits, phone calls, e-mails, and faxes from Calgary-Lougheed constituents of all ages, on all kinds of concerns--and I have to say that my favorite part of this job is the opportunity to do everything possible to turn bad news into good news! It is a joy to be involved in projects like assisting in the opening of facilities like the new Spinal Chord Facility (in January, with Premier Klein and Rick Hansen); and it is definitely heart-warming to send scrolls to those celebrating special occasions (*if you know anyone to whom this applies, please give us a call!*).

Much of what I do is behind the scenes, as I strive to *keep the issues of Calgary-Lougheed at the top of the Alberta Agenda*. In January, in addition to attending an all-encompassing orientation on Health Care, I took it upon myself to meet personally with:

- The Ministers of Health, Learning, Justice, Gaming, Infrastructure & Transportation
- Each of our neighbouring MLA's (to discuss mutual issues and solutions)
- Executives, Front-Line Members, and Clients of AADAC
- Caucus (a number of times, in Calgary and Edmonton)
- Standing Policy Committees (in the ministries listed above, plus: energy, sustainable resources, community development, children's services, seniors and community supports, economic development, solicitor general, restructuring/government efficiency, international and intergovernmental relations)

In the near future, I will be taking forward two pieces of legislation, and I expect they will both be sources of animated discussion at your nearest water cooler! Please feel free to tune in to CBC Radio on the first Monday of each month for

further updates, as I've been asked to do regular installments with Jeff Collins; and for those who are interested, there is live coverage of question period every day the house is in session.

It has been very affirming to be surrounded by colleagues possessing such great talent and dedication; and I am privileged to have such great support both in the capital and in our constituency. *I really look forward to your continued input: please let me know your needs, concerns, and triumphs--so we can plan Alberta's short and long-term future, together! Onward & upward...*



Dave brings greetings from the premier on Anna's 107th Birthday in Jan., 2005.