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Monday, August 30, 1993

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 25th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GORDON TOWERS,
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

Neil McCrank,
Deputy Attorney General

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the first session of the twenty-third Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on MONDAY, the thirtieth day of August, A.D. 1993, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1993

Province of Alberta, by the Common Council
of Our said Province, may, by the favour of
God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made
Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE GORDON TOWERS, Lieutenant Governor
of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta,
this 25th day of August in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred
and Ninety-three and in the Forty-second Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

Stephen West,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by His Honour the
Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and having subscribed to the Roll
containing the Oath, took their seats.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and
took his seat on the Throne.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Rostad, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the
Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the
causes of summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a
Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.
He therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent
hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the
Assembly.

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open and the following
Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand:

Mr. Schumacher, nominated by Hon. Mr. Kowalski

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Decore

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Senior Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 83; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of eligible votes cast, 83. The number of votes necessary for election, 42. The candidate receiving the majority of votes was Mr. Stan Schumacher.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

I thank all Members of the House for my election as Speaker.

As I take on the responsibility of the Chair, I first wish to publicly acknowledge my predecessor, the former Member for Calgary-Egmont, who served this Assembly and the people of Alberta with distinction. On behalf of the Assembly and all Albertans I say thank you. I'm grateful for your guidance and friendship. To you and your family: may health and happiness be yours.

I thank my constituents in Drumheller for their confidence in me as their Member of the Legislative Assembly. Drumheller is my home, and although I may journey far, home is where my heart remains.

To my best friend and lifelong companion, Virginia: you give me strength and confidence; thank you for your indulgence. To my children, Sandra and David, and my family and special friends: thank you for your patience, understanding, and gifts of love.

I'd like at this time to extend my personal gratitude to the Table officers and staff of the Speaker's office as well as the staff of the Legislative Assembly for their support. From my experience as Deputy Speaker I'm aware of the fact that I'm entirely reliant upon them and their many talents.

As your Speaker I welcome all Members of the 23rd Legislature. Forty-nine of 83 members are new to this Assembly. Elected public office places incredible demands upon both individuals and their families. Each of us

represents all our constituents, regardless of their political affiliations, cultural or linguistic backgrounds. You and I have been elected to serve not only our constituents but all the people of this magnificent province. You have pledged yourselves to that service, and in turn I pledge myself to the service of the Assembly of the province of Alberta.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the Opening Day prayer.

Let us pray. Dear God, author of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding, we ask thy guidance in order that truth and justice may prevail in all our judgments. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand:

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Bruseker

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Hon. Mr. Day

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Senior Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Mr. Speaker then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of eligible votes cast, 82. The number of votes necessary for election, 42. The candidate receiving the majority of votes was Mr. Donald Tannas.

Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand:

Mr. Glen Clegg, nominated by Hon. Mr. Evans

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Mitchell

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Senior Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Mr. Speaker announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of eligible votes cast, 82. The number of votes necessary for election, 42. The candidate receiving the majority of votes was Mr. Glen Clegg.

Unanimous consent was granted that all ballots and materials related to the elections be destroyed.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 4:35 p.m. until Tuesday, August 31, 1993 at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

Then the Speaker said:

May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duties

to their Queen and Province, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable construction.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Rostad, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temperance, and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow the Assembly's constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all suitable occasions and that all proceedings as well as your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Speech From The Throne

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and fellow Albertans:

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome each of you to the first sitting of the 23rd Alberta Legislature.

On June 15, 1993, our fellow Albertans gathered in the schools and the community and church halls of this great Province to exercise a precious and fundamental right: the right to vote in a free and fair election for men and women to represent them in this Assembly.

As we assemble today, we should remember that this and all the other rights and freedoms we have in a parliamentary democracy have been won by the labours and lives of many over the centuries and that there are still millions of people all over the world who cannot enjoy these rights and freedoms.

I congratulate each Member elected to this House. Serving as an elected Member of a Legislature continues a proud and honourable tradition and carries tremendous responsibilities. For when you walked through those doors this afternoon, you entered into the pages of a living history book. Hon. Members,

this is your chapter to write. The legacy of hope, dreams, and years of work of your predecessors and the people they served now passes to you.

A Change for Albertans

In 1905 the winds of change were sweeping across the prairie when Alberta's first Legislature took office. In short order our first Premier, Alexander Rutherford, captured the essence of this Province when he declared:

We live . . . in one of the grandest Provinces in the Canadian Confederation. We believe there is a great future before our Province, and that it will be a still grander Province in the very near future . . . We are a hopeful people. We have no pessimists in Alberta. A pessimist could not succeed.

Premier Rutherford was right. In less than a century Albertans took on the daunting challenge of the frontier. They capitalized on our enormous natural advantages – the land, the resources – and some of the hardest settlers and entrepreneurs in history to build all that we enjoy today.

Hon. Members, the great winds of change are sweeping through Alberta again. The election of 1993 produced 49 new MLAs, virtually the greatest number of first-time Members in our history. That means a fresh new perspective and a strong commitment to change.

My Government recognizes that these are extremely challenging times to be an MLA. Widespread discontent among voters has fuelled a cynicism about Governments all over the world. Changing times require a fundamental change in the way government conducts the people's business. Positive change is what this Government stands for, and positive change is what it will deliver.

In Alberta we have recognized that government must be by the people as well as for and of the people. Albertans want open government, and they want a bigger say in the business of government than a periodic trip to the polling booth. That is exactly what this Government has been doing over the last few months, and that is exactly what it will continue to do.

We all know that changing times demand new approaches and new ways of doing things. We know we cannot meet the challenges of today and tomorrow with yesterday's thinking and last week's ideas. Successful businesses know that if they stay the same, they are left behind. In 1993 my Government has caught up to Albertans in their thinking. My Government has a plan, and the heart of that plan is providing open, accessible, responsive, and affordable Government.

As we open this 23rd Legislature, the Government is mindful of the four fundamental commitments it made in the recent election, commitments that the

people of Alberta endorsed on June 15. My Government's first commitment is to balance our provincial budget within four years and to take the steps necessary to ensure that my Government will live within its means. The second commitment is to create an environment that will allow the private sector to create 110,000 new jobs for Albertans over the next four years. The third commitment is to reorganize, deregulate, and streamline government to reflect Albertans' desire for a government as frugal and creative as they have to be in these times of fiscal challenge. And this Government's fourth commitment is to listen to the people it is privileged to serve, to consult with them, and to be as open, compassionate, and fair as possible in reflecting their wishes, their hopes, and their dreams.

As issues come and go over the next four years, my Government will never forget that its plan and its mandate are based on these four pillars. They will guide the Government through all its deliberations and actions, even as specific concerns change on a daily basis.

This Government is going through change as well. This afternoon we will hear how it is charting Alberta's changing frontier to keep those four promises and, in doing so, meet the new realities of the 1990s and beyond.

Putting Our Financial House in Order

In 1993 Governments all over the world are facing serious economic challenges. People are demanding the maximum value for not only what they buy but for what they pay in taxes. Whether on a personal, municipal, provincial, or federal level all of us must try to stretch not only every dollar but every penny. Such is the challenge facing my Government.

In the recent election Albertans gave a loud and clear message of support for this Government's commitment to put our financial house in order. Albertans want good Government at a cost they can afford.

This means doing three things:

- balancing the budget within four years,
- paying down the provincial debt in a planned and orderly way, and
- ensuring that the Government will live within its means.

A perceived lack of fiscal responsibility is perhaps the greatest reason for the cynicism that people feel towards governments today, but my Government is changing that perception in this Province, and not because it is expedient or fashionable. This Government is initiating fundamental change in the way it manages the public purse because there is no other choice. It is that simple. Putting our financial house in order is critical to maintaining the strong economy that Albertans need, want, and expect. The Government will do so with

innovation, fairness, and compassion to both the public and employees in the public service.

Albertans will be familiar with the financial component of my Government's plan for change. It is reflected in the budget presented in May and will be detailed further in the budget to be tabled in this House very shortly. The provincial budget will be frugal and fair. It will keep the Government on course to do what it promised Albertans it would do and what Albertans elected it to do on June 15. Under this year's financial plan

- this Government will continue the process of eliminating the deficit in a fair and orderly manner, following clear year-by-year ceilings that are backed up by the Deficit Elimination Act to keep it on track,
- the Government will achieve its deficit reduction objective in this fiscal year,
- it will save more than \$130 million by reorganizing and streamlining Government for great efficiency, and
- there will be no tax increases, no new taxes and no sales tax.

This plan continues a number of important changes in the way the Government of Alberta is conducting the people's business. In my Government's first few months in office it started introducing the kind of change Albertans are demanding. Recognizing that Albertans want greater involvement in decision-making and a smaller, more efficient Government, my Government brought in a number of major and meaningful changes.

- It opened the books and began providing Albertans with quarterly financial updates.
- It struck a Financial Review Commission and began acting on the resulting recommendations.
- It opened up the decision-making process with a new, streamlined committee system that incorporates public participation at the start of our policy-making.
- It began streamlining and cutting spending in Government by reducing the size of Cabinet, the salaries of ministers, and the size of ministerial staff; consolidating several Government departments; reducing the number of deputy ministers; downsizing the public service through a highly successful voluntary severance program; eliminating the MLA pension plan; reducing the number of Government vehicles; and many other measures.

This Government will stay on course through several other critical initiatives.

- It will continue to act on the specific recommendations of the Alberta Financial Review Commission to improve the way it manages, administers, and reports on its finances.

- In budgeting and accounting the new approach will focus on performance and results. This includes a review of the role and future of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.
- Shortly the Government Reorganization Secretariat will present its first review on the future of a number of Government agencies, boards, and commissions.
- Each department, agency, and organization receiving Government funds will be called on to develop a three-year business plan.
- The Government will eliminate programs that do not meet priority needs.
- It will continue with the budget roundtables that it started last March in Red Deer.

By putting Alberta's financial house in order through these measures, we do some profoundly important things. We give people more hope. We give them reason to be confident that our Province will enjoy a strong economy, good jobs, and a quality of life that makes us all proud to be Albertans. We hand our children and grandchildren a clear title instead of a huge unpaid bill. And in doing all of these things, we give Government back to ourselves, the people, to whom it belongs.

The Economy and Job-Creation Promoting the Alberta Advantage

Government is changing the way it does business when it comes to the economy. This Government has made a major shift in its economic development policy. It believes the role of government is to create a climate conducive to investment and job creation and then to invite people from Canada and around the world to do business here.

Unlike some others, my Government will not try to buy prosperity through higher taxes. Instead, it will build on Alberta's existing advantage of low taxes and its free enterprise spirit to develop the most competitive economy in North America. The Government will strengthen the Alberta Advantage and sell it aggressively around the globe.

Of all the challenges facing us, generating new employment is the most important because Albertans need good jobs for themselves and their children. We are looking to the private sector to provide those jobs.

The Government will build on Alberta's strengths: agriculture, energy, forestry, tourism, small business, and our high-technology infrastructure. As well, it will encourage the development of emerging industries such as environmental services and information technologies. This strategy strikes a balance between attracting new business and investment to Alberta and encouraging growth of existing Alberta businesses.

This new approach to economic development is based on consultation and the common sense and experience of Albertans. Through extensive public

consultation processes, including Toward 2000 Together, my Government talked with thousands of Albertans in developing its new economic strategy, which is outlined in the document Seizing Opportunity.

The core of this strategy is tax and regulatory reform. This Government is going to cut the red tape that chokes investment and prevents small business from getting down to work. It is going to ensure Alberta's tax climate remains competitive. The plan for regulatory reform has two phases. Phase one calls for every government department to have a deregulation action plan completed this year. The plans will recommend revisions, reductions, or outright elimination of unnecessary rules and regulations. At the same time Albertans will be asked for their suggestions. Phase two will be a public review of those deregulation plans and suggestions. Following the public review my Government will implement these new deregulation initiatives within the year, and from now on new regulations will include a sunset clause requiring them to be reviewed or terminated after a certain time.

Regulatory reform cannot be done in isolation from other Governments. This Government will continue negotiations with the Federal Government to reduce federal/provincial overlap and duplication. In particular, it will strive to harmonize federal/provincial environmental laws. The Government realizes that economic development and environmental protection must be linked and intends to be a leader for all of Canada in that regard.

On tax reform my Government knows that Alberta now enjoys the lowest tax rates in Canada and is the only province without a sales tax. However, our tax strategy must be focused on competitiveness. My Government will establish a tax reform commission to review all aspects of Alberta's tax system in full consultation with the public. The commission will be asked to answer one question: what can we do to improve Alberta's competitive tax advantage? The commission will report by the end of 1993. Changes will be incorporated into the 1994-95 budget.

There is no point in building the most competitive tax and regulatory climate in Canada unless we tell people about it. Therefore, another key part of the Government's strategy will be to promote the Alberta Advantage aggressively throughout Canada and the world. Already this Government has begun to refocus Alberta's international trade offices on the bread and butter issues of investment, trade, tourism, and immigration. It is placing trade agents in new markets such as India and Siberia and seeks to increase Alberta's exposure in Mexico. Our Premier will make it part of his job to sell Alberta as one of the best places in the world to visit and do business.

My Government will continue to press for greater trade freedom. It has begun negotiations to reduce interprovincial trade barriers. These negotiations should be complete within two years. It has negotiated a continental barley market and

will continue to press for changes to the method of payment to encourage value-added diversification in agriculture.

Other highlights of my Government's strategy include

- as much as possible, getting out of direct business subsidies,
- deregulating and simplifying accounting for the petroleum and related industries, and
- introducing bond pilot projects and considering a risk insurance fund for local development.

The Government's approach to economic development represents an important change in the way of doing business in this province. It makes sense in today's global economy. It takes into account the needs of small businesses. It is based on what Albertans have said will work.

Maintaining Our Commitment to People and Public Consultation

My Government must change the way it does business when it comes to providing health care, education, and social services. These three areas, together with debt servicing, comprise 88 percent of our annual budget. If these areas are allowed to grow as they have in the past, they will consume 100 percent of the province's revenues by 1998, assuming a flat revenue scenario. There would be no money for other essential services such as policing and transportation, no money for agriculture, tourism, labour, and other programs.

Obviously, this must change. Our current system is too expensive, and we all know that more money is not the answer. Albertans pay enough for these programs already. The answer is not to let the quality of Alberta's social programs deteriorate. That would undermine our efforts to stimulate the economy. You build a strong economy with healthy, well-educated, and well-trained people.

The answer is to continue providing quality services while living within our means. To do it, the Government has to be imaginative. It has to look at everything. It has to take risks and try new things. There is a vital need for more efficient and effective ways of providing Albertans with services they truly need. All of our provincial public-sector organizations have to do as my Government has: start at the top with cuts in administration.

Albertans have told their Government to rethink the way it provides education, to continue the restructuring of our health care system, to continue with welfare reforms that focus on putting people to work instead of encouraging chronic dependence, and to think in terms not of doing less but of doing better.

Government cannot and should not face these challenges alone. It will work with Albertans. Government must have public support for the fundamental changes required in the way it does business, and the only way to win that support is to involve Albertans in public policy-making from the very start.

This Government will keep its promise to listen, consult, and be open with Albertans at all times.

In recent months, my Government has opened up the decision-making process with a new, streamlined committee system. It has made public consultation an integral part of its policy-making. Since taking office in December, my Government has completed several public consultations, including *Toward 2000 Together*, *Tourism 2000*, and *Creating Tomorrow*. It established the Financial Review Commission in February. It held a budget roundtable in March. This Government's economic strategy, its budget, and all of the changes it has made in the last eight months reflect those consultations.

A few days ago my Government held the first of several roundtable discussions on health care. It will continue holding budget roundtables, and it will hold roundtable discussions on education and post-secondary education to develop new directions and strategies. The resulting recommendations will be part of the implementation of the Government's four-year plan.

The Government's review of the role and future of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund will be made public. In a few weeks my Government will hold another series of public consultations with seniors on the programs and policies affecting them. The public will be involved in regulatory and taxation reform. Just as our fiscal plan and economic strategy are based on what Albertans have said will work, so must the new approaches to health care, education, and social services be based on what Albertans say. In working with its citizens, my Government will welcome and encourage the participation of Albertans.

My Government's role is not to dictate but to facilitate the discovery of made-in-Alberta solutions. Working together, Albertans will find better, more affordable ways of getting the job done. We must and we will get the job done well.

Our Legislative Profile

In presenting the legislative agenda, this Government has stayed true to the philosophy that Government should get out of rather than into the lives of Albertans. People in this province know that more government and more laws mean more expense, red tape, and confusion and less freedom.

In bringing in new legislation, my Government will be guided by its commitment to fundamental change. That means it will do things differently. As part of its crusade for innovation, greater efficiency, and smaller government, this

Government is presenting Albertans with a legislative program for this session that is more streamlined, concentrated, and to the point than in former years. To this end, it will introduce a minimal number of new Bills.

The legislative priority will be to honour a commitment to do what no other government has done in the history of this Province. My Government will deal with freedom of information and the protection of privacy. Open and responsible government means accessibility, and accessibility demands a free flow of information from government to the people it serves. At the same time, the Bill will safeguard the privacy of individual Albertans by prohibiting public access to details of their personal lives.

My Government will proceed with amendments to the School Act and introduce the Government Organization Act, the Alberta Registries Act, the required appropriation Bills, and a small number of other Bills.

As with all my Government's initiatives, legislation will be prepared and assessed in consultation with Albertans. This commitment to consult Albertans extends to the processes of our Legislature. Having received public consultation through the Parliamentary Reform Committee, the Government will propose constructive changes to Standing Orders to streamline and facilitate the business of this House, including considering shorter but more concentrated weeks in session. As the first step in my Government's plans for meaningful parliamentary reform, it is introducing, for the first time in the history of the Alberta Legislature, elections by secret ballot for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House and Deputy Chairman of the Legislature committees.

The legislative agenda reflects the same approach this Government takes in every aspect of conducting the people's business. My Government has the courage to initiate meaningful change. It will be honest. It will be straightforward. It will be efficient. It will do what is in the best interests of Albertans. This Government takes pride in being a Government for all Albertans, be they from Calgary, Edmonton, our other cities and towns, or our rural communities. It is prepared to do its utmost to retain their confidence.

Reaping the Benefits of Change

Fellow Albertans, on the eve of a new millennium, our prospects are tremendous, our Province's financial outlook is positive, and we have much to be grateful for in 1993.

In a turbulent, exciting, and sometimes daunting world, Albertans are setting an example for Canadians with humanity, honesty, courage, and fiscal responsibility. Other governments are just beginning to talk about the kind of change that this Government has been delivering for the last eight months. There is no secret or

magic to these efforts. My Government is a government for the people. It works with Albertans. It reflects the agenda set for the Province.

The Government of Alberta will deliver on each of its four fundamental commitments:

- a balanced budget,
- a climate for meaningful job creation in the private sector,
- a reorganized, deregulated, and streamlined government, and
- open consultation with Albertans.

Those commitments represent the wishes of the people my Government is so privileged to represent.

The Government understands fully that following these plans will be strong medicine for all of us, but it will stand by them, and all that my Government asks is that Albertans stand by these commitments alongside the men and women in this House. Let us not abandon our course, for any feeble attempts to avoid the challenge will be labour lost. This Government is confident that Albertans have the strength and the courage to make the tough decisions, for when it comes to the quality of our lives and our future, there is no place for the kind of self-interest that has surfaced across this country in the past.

This is our moment to help shape the history of our Province and the future of our children and grandchildren. I call on all of the Members of this House and every Albertan that they represent to help shape it together in the spirit of pioneering and change that has guided and inspired Alberta since 1905.

Our Province was built by people who were willing to struggle against formidable odds. They saw the opportunities that existed, and they saw their place in the future. Our pioneers understood that as time passed, they would have to abandon many of the old ways of doing things and keep doing what worked while looking constantly for new ways of doing things better. For above all, as our first Premier said, Albertans are optimists. As great optimists, we look on change not as threatening and uncertain but as an exciting challenge to improve our society while staying true to all that we hold dear as human beings. This is the real challenge facing Albertans today, for what we must fear is not change but the inability and the unwillingness to change. Now it is our turn to build a better Alberta.

And now I leave you to the business of this session, confident that as elected representatives you will in every way fulfill your responsibilities to Albertans.

I pray that the blessing of God may rest on your deliberations.

God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Government Bills and Orders

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1993".

Hon. Mr. Klein accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Tabling Documents

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 600/93

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the General Election conducted on the fifteenth day of June, 1993, which states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions and the said report further shows that the following members were duly elected:

Athabasca-Wabasca	Mike Cardinal
Banff-Cochrane	Brian Evans
Barrhead-Westlock	Ken Kowalski
Bonnyville	Leo Vasseur
Bow Valley	Lyle Oberg
Calgary-Bow	Bonnie Laing
Calgary-Buffalo	Gary Dickson
Calgary-Cross	Yvonne Fritz
Calgary-Currie	Jocelyn Burgener
Calgary-East	Moe Amery
Calgary-Egmont	Denis Herard
Calgary-Elbow	Ralph Klein
Calgary-Fish Creek	Heather Forsyth
Calgary-Foothills	Pat Black
Calgary-Glenmore	Dianne Mirosh
Calgary-Lougheed	Jim Dinning

Calgary McCall	Harry Sohal
Calgary-Montrose	Hung Pham
Calgary-Mountain View	Mark Hlady
Calgary-North Hill	Richard Magnus
Calgary-North West	Frank Bruseker
Calgary-Nose Creek	Gary Mar
Calgary-Shaw	Jon Havelock
Calgary-Varsity	Murray Smith
Calgary-West	Danny Dalla-Longa
Cardston-Chief Mountain	Jack Ady
Chinook	Shirley McClellan
Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	Muriel Abdurahman
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Lorne Taylor
Drayton Valley-Calmar	Tom Thurber
Drumheller	Stan Schumacher
Dunvegan	Glen Clegg
Edmonton-Avonmore	Gene Zwozdesky
Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont	Julius Yankowsky
Edmonton-Centre	Michael Henry
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Debby Carlson
Edmonton-Glengarry	Laurence Decore
Edmonton-Glenora	Howard Sapers
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Bettie Hewes
Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly	Alice Hanson
Edmonton-Manning	Peter Sekulic
Edmonton-Mayfield	Lance White
Edmonton-McClung	Grant Mitchell
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Karen Leibovici
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Don Massey
Edmonton-Norwood	Andrew Beniuk
Edmonton-Roper	Sine Chadi
Edmonton-Rutherford	Percy Wickman
Edmonton-Strathcona	Al Zariwny
Edmonton-Whitemud	Mike Percy
Fort McMurray	Adam Germain
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Walter Paszkowski

Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Wayne Jacques
Highwood	Don Tannas
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Gary Severtson
Lac La Biche-St. Paul	Paul Langevin
Lacombe-Stettler	Judy Gordon
Leduc	Terry Kirkland
Lesser Slave Lake	Pearl Calahasen
Lethbridge-East	Ken Nicol
Lethbridge-West	Clint Dunford
Little Bow	Barry McFarland
Medicine Hat	Rob Renner
Olds-Didsbury	Roy Brassard
Peace River	Gary Friedel
Pincher Creek-Macleod	David Coutts
Ponoka-Rimbey	Halvar Jonson
Red Deer-North	Stockwell Day
Red Deer-South	Victor Doerksen
Redwater	Nick Taylor
Rocky Mountain House	Ty Lund
St. Albert	Len Bracko
Sherwood Park	Bruce Collingwood
Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	Colleen Soetaert
Stony Plain	Stan Woloshyn
Taber-Warner	Ron Hierath
Three Hills-Airdrie	Carol Haley
Vegreville-Viking	Ed Stelmach
Vermilion-Lloydminster	Steve West
Wainwright	Robert (Butch) Fischer
West Yellowhead	Duco Van Binsbergen
Wetaskiwin-Camrose	Ken Rostad
Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	Peter Trynchy

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration tomorrow (Wednesday).

Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

It was resolved that the Votes and Proceedings of this Assembly be printed, after first having been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Evans:

It was resolved that the Select Standing Committees for the present Session of the Legislative Assembly be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing,
- (2) Public Accounts,
- (3) Private Bills,
- (4) Law and Regulations,
- (5) Public Affairs,
- (6) The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, and
- (7) Legislative Offices,

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the duration of the present Legislature, a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 49(1) and (3).

Hon. Mr. Kowalski requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a).

Hon. Mr. Kowalski moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's seven Select Standing and one Special Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND ACT (15 Members)

Dunford (Chairman)	Forsyth	Mitchell
Herard (D. Chairman)	Haley	Percy
Chadi	Havelock	Sohal
Dalla-Longa	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Massey	White

LAW AND REGULATIONS (21 Members)

Havelock (Chairman)	Dickson	Oberg
Doerksen (D. Chairman)	Dunford	Renner
Amery	Fischer	Sapers
Brassard	Germain	Severtson
Burgener	Jacques	Smith
Collingwood	Langevin	Zariwny
Coutts	Leibovici	Zwozdesky

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (9 Members)

Hierath (Chairman)	Bruseker	Friedel
Sohal (D. Chairman)	Dickson	Fritz
Brassard	Doerksen	Massey

MEMBERS' SERVICES (11 Members)

Schumacher (Chairman)	Haley	Stelmach
Woloshyn (D. Chairman)	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Brassard	Kowalski	Wickman
Bruseker	Mirosh	

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Renner (Chairman)	Hlady	Sekulic
Amery (Deputy Chairman)	Jacques	Smith
Beniuk	Kirkland	Soetaert
Fischer	Laing	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Fritz	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Gordon	Oberg	Wickman
Herard	Pham	Yankowsky

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND PRINTING
(21 Members)

Coutts (Chairman)	Forsyth	Langevin
Pham (Deputy Chairman)	Friedel	Mitchell
Bracko	Germain	Nicol
Carlson	Gordon	Oberg
Clegg	Havelock	Renner
Collingwood	Hlady	Smith
Dickson	Jacques	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (21 Members)

Abdurahman (Chairman)	Chadi	McFarland
Friedel (Deputy Chairman)	Coutts	Percy
Amery	Dalla-Longa	Pham
Bruseker	Fritz	Sohal
Burgener	Hanson	Stelmach
Calahasen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Carlson	Magnus	Vasseur

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Gordon (Chairman) Forsyth (Deputy Chairman)

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 800/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider Interim Supply to be granted to her Majesty.

Hon. Mr. Dinning gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Interim Supply, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. Dinning gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1993-94 Interim Supply shall be (2) two days.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:59 p.m. until Wednesday, September 1, 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of Mr. Donald Hugh Sparrow, former Member for Wetaskiwin-Leduc, who passed away on July 10, 1993.

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Cecilia Johnstone in her new position as President of the Canadian Bar Association.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Final Communiqué, 34th Annual Premiers' Conference, Baddeck, Nova Scotia, August 26-27, 1993

Sessional Paper 601/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, cA-24, s31(10):

Health Care Insurance Fund Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 71/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, University of Alberta Hospitals Act, cF-9, s2(6):

University Hospitals Board Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 75/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Provincial General Hospitals Act, cF-9, sec. 2(6):

Alberta Children's Provincial General Hospital Financial Statements,
March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74/93

Alberta Hospital Ponoka Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74A/93

Alberta Hospital Edmonton Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74B/93

Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74C/93

Foothills Provincial General Hospital Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74D/93

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 1993 General Enumeration

Sessional Paper 142/93

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the General Election of the
Twenty-third Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, June 15, 1993

Sessional Paper 142A/93

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Investigation Into Allegation Involving Hon. Kenneth R. Kowalski, Minister
of Public Works, Supply and Services, August 26, 1993, Office of the Ethics
Commissioner

Sessional Paper 2/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, announced the implementation of the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Wednesday, September 1, 1993.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, filed the following:

School fees, St. Francis Xavier High School and Ecole Holy Cross School,
1993-94 school year

Sessional Paper 801/93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Cecilia Johnstone in her new position as President of the Canadian Bar Association.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Interim Supply Estimates:

General Revenue Fund, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 602/93

Capital Fund, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 603/93

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 604/93

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider Interim Supply to be granted to her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Interim Supply, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1993-94 Interim Supply shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Woloshyn moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Thursday, September 2, 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 2, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 201 Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act – Mr. Decore
- Bill 202 Deficit Elimination Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy
- Bill 203 Recall Act – Mr. Dickson
- Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard
- Bill 205 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act – Dr. Nicol
- Bill 206 Auditor General Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy
- Bill 207 Children's Rights Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 208 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 3) – Mr. Severtson
- Bill 209 Entrepreneurial Education Commission Act – Mr. Havelock
- Bill 210 Individual Property Rights Protection Act – Mr. Pham
- Bill 211 Conservation Easement Act – Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 212 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Severtson
- Bill 213 Employee Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Leibovici
- Bill 214 Justice Reform Commission Act – Ms Burgener
- Bill 217 Office of Treaty Commissioner Act – Mr. N. Taylor
- Bill 218 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel
- Bill 219 Members of the Legislative Assembly Salaries, Allowances and Expenses Review Act – Mr. Decore
- Bill 220 Students Finance Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Massey
- Bill 221 Arts Council Act – Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 222 Limitation of Actions Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson
- Bill 215 Ethanol Strategy Act – Mr. Fischer
- Bill 223 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Fischer

- Bill 224 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 2) – Mr. Sekulic
- Bill 225 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 226 An Act to Commit Government to a Three Year Funding Planning Framework – Mr. Wickman
- Bill 227 Interprovincial Lottery Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Chadi
- Bill 228 Water Transfer Control Act – Dr. Nicol
- Bill 229 Children's Advocate Act – Ms Hanson
- Bill 230 Planning Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 231 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy
- Bill 232 Ambulance Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 233 Farm Practices Protection Act – Mr. Jacques
- Bill 234 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 235 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Massey
- Bill 237 Aboriginal Justice Act – Mr. N. Taylor
- Bill 238 Environmental Bill of Rights Act – Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 239 Non-Smokers Health Act – Mr. Sapers
- Bill 240 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson
- Bill 242 Service Dogs Act – Mr. Coutts
- Bill 243 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hlady
- Bill 244 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 2) – Mr. Hlady
- Bill 245 Small Business Support Act – Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 134/93

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Alberta Windows, A report on Alberta's Foreign Offices and their potential,
May 1993

Sessional Paper 802/93

Alberta Global Business Plan, Tourism, Trade and Investment, and
Technology Development, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 803/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration
Act, Cancer Programs Act, cF-9, s2(6):

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 73/93

Alberta Cancer Board Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 73A/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review
Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 76/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy
Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 81/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act,
cR-10.1, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 83/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, announced the phasing out of the
existing 204 Alberta Liquor Control Board stores and their replacement by a private
sector retail system.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Statement by the Speaker

The Chair would like to make some observation on Monday's proceedings to elect
the Speaker, because a request was made by Members on both sides of the House
for some comment.

First, Members should be aware of the limitations on that procedure that was
adopted last Monday. When the Speaker is elected, the Assembly does not yet exist
as an Assembly. There is just a group of people in a room. The Lieutenant

Governor has appeared and asked the group of people to elect a Speaker. That is the only business that can be conducted until the Lieutenant Governor reads the causes of summoning the Assembly. Here I should add parenthetically that the election of the Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Chairman of Committees in the Chair's opinion is the election of the Speaker because if the Speaker can't act, there has to be a deputy. The causes of summoning the Assembly is the Speech from the Throne. In this regard, I'd refer Hon. Members to Beauchesne 253 and 256. Until that time, the Assembly is not able to move any motions, including any motion to determine how the Speaker should be elected. The Table officers and the Clerk in particular have no authority whatsoever in this regard, so a point of order or any appeal to them is of no use.

Second, as to the actual procedure used, the only authority which existed at that moment was section 16(1) of the Legislative Assembly Act and the Lieutenant Governor's request that a Speaker be elected. Our Standing Orders are silent on how the election is to be conducted. That being the case, we are required by Standing Order 2 to revert first, and I emphasize first, to the usages and precedents of the Assembly. The precedent which was then available was the manner in which the Deputy Chairman of Committees was elected on Tuesday, January 26, 1993. Nothing else could have been done. It is the Chair's understanding that that form of election had been agreed to by the House leaders of the parties then present in the Assembly: the present Government House Leader, the then Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and the present Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar. Regardless, the people in this room on Monday, August 0, 1993, had no power to change the existing procedure or to adopt a new procedure. Everyone's hands were tied.

Finally, there may be some uncertainty as to the role that Beauchesne plays in the proceedings of this Assembly. Again, Standing Order 1 requires all proceedings to be conducted according to our Standing Orders. Beauchesne is based on the Standing Orders of the Canadian House of Commons, but it is often useful in interpreting our Standing Orders. When our Standing Orders differ from those in Ottawa, Beauchesne is not as useful. When our Standing Orders do not deal with a matter, Standing Order 2 requires us to look at our own usages and precedents. If an answer cannot be found there, Standing Order 2 requires us to look at parliamentary tradition. Beauchesne and Erskine May are very useful as sources of parliamentary tradition.

In Alberta, Standing Orders do not define the process for the election of the Speaker. We must rely on the precedents of the Assembly. In contrast, the Canadian House of Commons Standing Orders were amended in 1985 to specify the process by which a Speaker is elected, and Beauchesne describes those Standing Orders. Since we do not have those particular Standing Orders, Beauchesne is not relevant to our election process.

On Monday reference was made to Beauchesne 150, which states that points of order have been raised during the election process and dealt with by the Chair. This is possible because House of Commons Standing Order 3 specifies who was

to take the Chair during the election process and the powers the Chair has to hear points of order. Again, we do not have the benefit of such a Standing Order. It would not have been possible legally or administratively for the Clerk to suddenly adopt the House of Commons Standing Orders as discussed in Beauchesne for that election.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q144, Q145, Q146, Q147, Q148, Q149, Q150, Q151, Q152, Q153, Q154, Q155, Q156, Q157, Q158, Q199.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Return were ordered to stand:

M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M164, M165, M166, M167, M168, M169, M170, M171, M172, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177, M178, M179, M180, M181, M182, M183, M184, M185, M186, M187, M188, M189, M190, M191, M192, M193, M194, M195, M196, M197, M198.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

201. Moved by Mr. Severtson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly include a Member's Statement period in the Tuesday and Thursday Routine Proceedings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Severtson speaking.

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) to proceed with Second Reading of Bill 201, Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act.

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 201 Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act –
Mr. Decore

A debate followed.

Mr. Havelock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken follows:

For the motion: 44

Ady	Friedel	McFarland
Amery	Fritz	Mirosh
Black	Gordon	Oberg
Brassard	Haley	Renner
Burgener	Havelock	Rostad
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Clegg	Hlady	Sohal
Coutts	Jacques	Tannas
Day	Jonson	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Doerksen	Kowalski	Thurber
Dunford	Laing	Trynchy
Evans	Lund	West
Fischer	Magnus	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Mar	

Against the motion: 30

Abdurahman	Germain	Percy
Beniuk	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Chadi	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Massey	White
Decore	Mitchell	Zariwny
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, September 3, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 8, 1993 at 2:30 p.m.

Committee of Supply

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions relating to the Interim Supply Estimates of the General Revenue Fund, the Capital Fund, and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Friday, September 3, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, September 3, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to sell Gainers and invited interested parties to submit proposals for the purchase of Gainers.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta send congratulations to Alberta singer k.d. Lang on the occasion of her winning "Best Female Video" at last night's MTV awards for the song "Constant Craving."

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta send congratulations to Alberta singer k.d. Lang on the occasion of her winning "Best Female Video" at last night's MTV awards for the song "Constant Craving."

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Statement by the Speaker

There's one remaining point of order to be dealt with, and that arises from the point made on Wednesday by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre. The Hon. member cited Beauchesne 413 as his authority, and the paragraph reads:

Those such as Parliamentary Secretaries who are clothed with the responsibility of answering for the Government ought not to use the time of the Question Period for the privilege of asking questions of the Government.

The point of order was raised with respect to the sequence of events whereby one of the chairmen of a Government standing policy committee asked a question of a Minister. Shortly thereafter another chairman of the Government standing policy committee was asked a question with respect to her committee's area of concern. It was at that time that the point of order was raised.

The Chair appreciates the logic of the Hon. Member's point of order; however, the Chair is unable to rule on the matter at this time. Hon. Members will appreciate that we do not have Parliamentary Secretaries in Alberta. Those offices exist in the House of Commons, and in fact the Standing Orders of the House of Commons officially recognizes their role in Parliament. The Chair therefore finds it necessary to determine the role of these standing policy committees and their chairmen. In order to determine whether they are in the words of Beauchesne "clothed with the responsibility of answering for the Government . . ." For the moment, it is difficult to conceive that committees dealing with a number of agencies or departments would be answerable as a Parliamentary Secretary might.

In Alberta we have Acting Ministers who are answerable on behalf of ministers, if they should be absent, rather than Parliamentary Secretaries. The Chair will rule on the point of order after making that determination, but in the meantime invites the Government House Leader or other Members of the Assembly to speak on that either today or later next week. I'm certainly not requiring it to be done today. People may wish to consider this matter further, and the Chair will give the opportunity for those further points next week, if that's satisfactory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, September 3, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 8, 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2), at 12:45 p.m., the Chairman put the question that the Committee approve each one of the resolutions relating to the interim supply estimates of the General Revenue Fund, the Capital Fund, and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Ady	Fritz	McFarland
Amery	Gordon	Paszkowski
Black	Haley	Pham
Burgener	Havelock	Renner
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Coutts	Hlady	Sohal
Day	Jacques	Stelmach
Dinning	Jonson	Tannas
Doerksen	Kowalski	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Laing	Thurber
Evans	Lund	Trynchy
Fischer	Magnus	West
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	

Against the motion: 21

Abdurahman	Dickson	Percy
Bracko	Hewes	Sapers
Bruseker	Kirkland	Sekulic
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	White
Collingwood	Massey	Wickman
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Zwozdesky

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows:

All resolutions relating to the interim supply estimates of the General Revenue Fund, the Capital Fund, and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders.

Sessional Paper 605/93

The question being put, the report was agreed to.

Unanimous consent was requested and received for the Assembly to revert to "Introduction of Bills."

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

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| Bill | 2 | Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |
| Bill | 3 | Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |
| Bill | 4 | Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 11, the Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday, September 8, 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, announced that today, September 8, 1993, is International Literacy Day.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Temporary Recess

Following Oral Question Period, on motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1993 – 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Estimates of Expenditure.

Government Estimates, 1993-94	Sessional Paper 606/93
Government Estimates, 1993-94, Supplementary Information, Element Details	Sessional Paper 607/93
Capital Fund Estimates, 1993-94	Sessional Paper 608/93
Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1993-94	Sessional Paper 609/93
Lottery Fund Estimates, 1993-94	Sessional Paper 610/93
Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, 1993-94 Estimates of Proposed Investments	Sessional Paper 611/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Capital Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6) the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1993-94 Capital Fund Estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Estimates of proposed investments of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider the 1993-94 Estimates of proposed investments of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

On behalf of Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Mitchell, Opposition House Leader, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), debate adjourned (on amendment) with Mr. Yankowsky speaking.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Thursday, September 9, 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 705 Albertans regarding the confidentiality of adoption information.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agricultural Development Act, cA-7, s9(2):

Agricultural Development Corporation, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 16/93

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 21/93

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Government Views on Reform of Agricultural Transportation Policy and the Western Grain Transportation Reform Act, August 13, 1993
Sessional Paper 804/93

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 100/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for the Alberta Liquor Control Board, filed the following:

Alberta Liquor Control Board News Release regarding the sale of store properties and leases, September 9, 1993

Sessional Paper 805/93

During Oral Question Period Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, filed the following:

Letter, dated September 8, 1993, from the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta) to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding employment and training initiatives

Sessional Paper 806/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Following Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2).

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 38(1)(a) and 38(1)(b).

12. Standing Order 38(1)(a) having been waived, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that

- (1) The Standing Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, denoted as being effective January 1, 1984, be repealed in their entirety as of September 13, 1993, and,
- (2) in substitution therefore the Standing Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, denoted as being effective September 13, 1993, and annexed hereto, shall come into force on September 13, 1993.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, filed the following:

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective September 13, 1993

Sessional Paper 612/93

Memorandum of Agreement between the House Leader of the Government of Alberta and the House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition regarding Standing Orders, made September 9, 1993

Sessional Paper 613/93

Government motion regarding the establishment of a Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 614/93

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Annotated (Unofficial) Version

Sessional Paper 615/93

13. Standing Order 38(1)(b) having been waived, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, moved the following:

Be it resolved that

- (1) A Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be established to review and report to the Legislative Assembly on its deliberations and present recommendations on:
 - (a) the application of the sub judice rule in proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, by November 1, 1993;
 - (b) the feasibility of minority reports of committees and subcommittees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, by November 15, 1993;
 - (c) the role and mandate of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, by December 1, 1993.
- (2) The Select Special Committee shall consider the current functioning status of the Assembly and review ways of making it more responsive to the needs and values of the citizens of Alberta and elected Members within the context of our parliamentary system and traditions.
- (3) The Select Special Committee shall table its reports in the Assembly if it is then sitting, or by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and forwarding a copy to each Member if the Assembly is adjourned.
- (4) The Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform shall consist of the following Members:

Hon. Stanley S. Schumacher, Speaker,
Hon. Stockwell Day, Chairman,
Hon. Halvar Jonson,
Mr. Roy Brassard,
Mrs. Bonnie Laing,
Mr. Clint Dunford,
Mr. Gary Friedel,
Mr. Grant Mitchell,
Mrs. Bettie Hewes,
Mr. Frank Bruseker,
Mr. Adam Germain.

- (5) Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for staff assistance, equipment and supplies, public information needs and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
- (6) In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of the staff employed by the Legislative Assembly.
- (7) The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Hon. Dr. West, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 4 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Gordon	Mirosh
Black	Haley	Paszkowski
Brassard	Havelock	Pham
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hierath	Rostad
Clegg	Hlady	Severtson
Coutts	Jacques	Smith
Day	Jonson	Sohal
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Mar	Trynchy
Fischer	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Friedel		

Against the motion: 16

Beniuk	Dickson	Sapers
Bracko	Germain	Sekulic
Bruseker	Henry	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Kirkland	White
Chadi	Percy	Zwozdesky
Collingwood		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill	2	Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	3	Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	4	Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:43 p.m. until Friday, September 10, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, September 10, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 10 Lethbridge, Alberta, residents requesting the Alberta Government not to allow the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to adopt the policy where a single registration be required from either applicant. Then the registry would locate and contact the adoptee, adult, or adult sibling and advise them of the registration of the interested party. The adoptee, adult, or adult sibling would have the freedom of choice in establishing contact or not. The protection policy would apply when warranted.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Black

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Gainers Inc., Consolidated Balance Sheet 1989 and Schedule 10, Public Accounts 1992-93

Sessional Paper 807/93

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Hail and Crop Insurance Act, cH-1, s9(2):

Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 19/93

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2) (cL-9.1, s5(4)):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 85/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, filed the following:

Letter, dated September 1, 1993, from Mr. D.D. Salmon, Office of the Auditor General, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding clarification of Recommendation No. 7 in the Auditor General's 1991-92 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 808/93

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Beniuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, filed the following:

Letter, dated August 24, 1993, from Bob Dawson, Executive Assistant to Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, to Mr. Nelson, Liberal Opposition staff, regarding licensed private vocational schools, with an attached list of Alberta Vocational Colleges

Sessional Paper 809/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bills were reported:

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| Bill | 2 | Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |
| Bill | 3 | Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |
| Bill | 4 | Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning |

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time:

Bill 4 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Ady	Friedel	Oberg
Amery	Fritz	Paszkowski
Black	Gordon	Pham
Brassard	Haley	Renner
Burgener	Havelock	Rostad
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Clegg	Hlady	Sohal
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Tannas
Dinning	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	McClellan	Trynchy
Fischer	McFarland	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Mirosh	

Against the motion: 21

Abdurahman	Decore	Percy
Beniuk	Hanson	Sekulic
Bracko	Hewes	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	White
Chadi	Langevin	Wickman
Collingwood	Leibovici	Yankowsky
Dalla-Longa	Nicol	Zwozdesky

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 3 Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 4 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, tabled the following:

Two St. Albert lapel pins

Sessional Paper 616/93

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 1:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 12:54 p.m. until Monday, September 13, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 13, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the bid committee – Gary Seher, Gordon Hamill, Roger Otteson and Howard Wurbin – from

Red Deer, that was instrumental in winning the bid to host the 1995 World Junior Hockey Cup Championship.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the achievement of today's Middle East peace accord between the Israeli government and the Palestine Liberation Organization by requesting that the Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations send the organizations signing the accord a letter of congratulations on the Legislative Assembly's behalf.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Our Bill of Health, A Summary of the Health Roundtable, Red Deer, Alberta, August 1993

Sessional Paper 810/93

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Colleges Act, cF-9, s2(6):

Alberta College of Art, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10/93

Grant MacEwan Community College, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10A/93

Mount Royal College, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10B/93

Fairview College, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10C/93

Lakeland College, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10D/93

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Annual Report 1991-92 and Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Foundation, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10E/93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the bid committee – Gary Seher, Gordon Hamill, Roger Otteson and Howard Wurbin – from

Red Deer, that was instrumental in winning the bid to host the 1995 World Junior Hockey Cup Championship.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the achievement of today's Middle East peace accord between the Israeli government and the Palestine Liberation Organization by requesting that the Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations send the organizations signing the accord a letter of congratulations on the Legislative Assembly's behalf.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 2 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1993
- 3 Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1993
- 4 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1993

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Hon. Mr. Evans moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 09:49 p.m. until Tuesday, September 14, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 790 Albertans regarding the reinstatement of cuts made to social assistance.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Honourable Robert Bourassa, Premier of Quebec, on his contribution to Canada and to the principle of maintaining strong provinces within Confederation.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Return to be dealt with Wednesday, September 15, 1993:

Written Questions: Q144, Q145, Q147, Q148, Q150, Q151, Q154, Q155, Q156, Q157.

Motions for Return: M178, M179, M182, and M194.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister responsible for the Metis Settlements Commission, Native Programs:

Alberta Metis Settlements Transition Commission, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 811/93

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Report on the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association – Canadian Regional Conference held in Ottawa, Ontario, August 8-13, 1993
Sessional Paper 813/93

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister responsible for the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues, pursuant to the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues Act, cA-13.5, s6(2):

Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 24/93

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta Library Board, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 812/93

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cR-9, s12(3):

Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Alberta, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 35/93

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-21.5, s14(2):

Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts, Annual Report 1990-91
Sessional Paper 27/93

Alberta Foundation for the Performing Arts, Annual Report 1990-91
Sessional Paper 27A/93

Alberta Art Foundation, Annual Report 1990-91
Sessional Paper 27B/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for the Alberta Liquor Control Board, filed the following:

Job training information for recently released Alberta Liquor Control Board employees

Sessional Paper 814/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the Rosefield Centre.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding suspended drivers.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding gaming regulations.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Honourable Robert Bourassa, Premier of Quebec, on his contribution to Canada and to the principle of maintaining strong provinces within Confederation.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Privilege

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition House Leader, raised a purported point of privilege concerning the availability of a brochure entitled "Our Bill of Health."

Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister responsible for the Alberta Health Planning Secretariat, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West and Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, commented on the purported point of privilege.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 202 Deficit Elimination Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b) debate was adjourned, Mr. Mitchell speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Motion 201.

202. Moved by Mr. Herard:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to ask the Federal Government to make immediate changes to the Young Offenders Act by reducing the minimum age to ten and requiring violent crimes of murder and sexual assault to be referred directly to adult court.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the Speaker put the question and the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Ady	Fischer	Lund
Amery	Forsyth	Magnus
Brassard	Friedel	McClellan
Burgener	Fritz	McFarland
Calahasen	Gordon	Mirosh
Cardinal	Haley	Oberg
Clegg	Havelock	Paszkowski
Coutts	Herard	Pham
Day	Hierath	Renner
Dinning	Hlady	Severtson
Doerksen	Jacques	Smith
Dunford	Kowalski	Sohal

Stelmach
Tannas
Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)

Thurber
Trynchy

West
Woloshyn

Against the motion: 29

Abdurahman
Beniuk
Bracko
Carlson
Chadi
Collingwood
Decore
Dickson
Hanson
Henry

Hewes
Kirkland
Langevin
Leibovici
Mar
Massey
Mitchell
Nicol
Percy
Sapers

Sekulic
Soetaert
Taylor (Redwater)
Van Binsbergen
Vasseur
White
Yankowsky
Zariwny
Zwozdesky

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Mr. Chadi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 2 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Labour, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Clegg also tabled a copy of the motion agreed to in Committee of Supply under Standing Order 56(2) and 56(2)(a)(ii) establishing the following Designated Supply Subcommittees:

Advanced Education

Mr. Magnus (Chairman)	Mrs. Laing	Mr. Renner
Mr. Beniuk	Mr. Langevin	Dr. Sohal
Mr. Doerksen	Dr. Massey	Mr. Zariwny
Mr. Friedel		

Treasury

Mr. Magnus (Chairman)	Mr. Hlady	Dr. Percy
Ms Abdurahman	Mr. Jacques	Mr. Renner
Ms Burgener	Mr. Kirkland	Mr. Smith
Mr. Chadi		

Family and Social Services

Mr. Lund (Chairman)	Mrs. Forsyth	Mrs. Hewes
Mr. Brassard	Mrs. Hanson	Mr. Sekulic
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Herard	Mr. Van Binsbergen
Mr. Dunford		

Health

Mr. Lund (Chairman)	Mr. Mitchell	Mr. Sapers
Mr. Coutts	Dr. Nicol	Mrs. Soetaert
Mrs. Fritz	Dr. Oberg	Mr. Stelmach
Mrs. Laing		

Executive Council

Mr. Magnus (Chairman)	Mrs. Gordon	Mr. Pham
Mr. Collingwood	Mr. Havelock	Mr. Smith
Mr. Dalla-Longa	Dr. Percy	Mr. Woloshyn
Mr. Decore		

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Wednesday, September 15, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Renner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Elda Hoever and Hendrik Jan Antony Hoever for the Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act,

of Ary DeMoor for the Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993,

of Donna Kinjo and Brent Craig for the Mosaic College of Canada Act,

of Howard V. Gimbel M.D. for the Gimbel Foundation Act,

of Canadian Union College for the Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993,

of the Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. for the Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993,

of Dymetro Fedechko for the Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act,

of Allan Rothery for the Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act,

of Lawrence W. Marshall for the Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act,

of The King's College for The King's College Amendment Act, 1993,

of Newman Theological College for the Newman Theological College Continuance Act,

of the First Canadian Insurance Corporation for the First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993,

of the Gardner Bible College for the Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993,

of Hilary Jackson and Fred R. Jackson for the Benaning Osi Adoption Act,

of Albert Ludwig and others for the Alberta Seniors' Legislature Act,

of the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company by its liquidator, Deloitte & Touche Inc., for the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Act, and

of Dwight I. Bliss and Gerald D. Chipeur for the Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Motion Picture Development Act, cM-19.1, s14(2):

Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 41/93

Privilege

The Speaker made the following ruling:

A question of privilege was raised by the Member for Edmonton-McClung on Tuesday, September 14, 1993.

The Chair notes that proper notice of the question of privilege was given pursuant to Standing Order 15(2).

The Chair is satisfied that the question was raised at the earliest opportunity pursuant to Standing Order 15(6).

The facts giving rise to this question of privilege are these: On Friday, September 10, 1993, an advertisement appeared in the Calgary Herald announcing a "Public Roundtable on Health". The ad was placed by the Alberta Health Planning Secretariat. The ad said:

"Before the meeting, pick up a copy of Our Bill of Health - the-easy-to-read work book being used as a discussion document on health reform. It is available from your local MLA or public health unit."

Members of the public contacted the constituency offices of at least two Opposition Members. Neither office had copies of the work book. The Member

for Edmonton-McClung stated that no Opposition constituency offices had copies of the work book or had any knowledge or notice that these work books would be advertised as being available through their offices. The Member further stated that someone at the Alberta Health Planning Secretariat advised that "the book is only available through the constituency offices of Government MLAs and would not be provided to Alberta Liberal MLA constituency offices."

The Member for Edmonton-McClung alleged that this advertisement, coupled with the failure to provide the work books to the Opposition Members, constitutes a breach of privilege on three grounds:

- (1) It put some Members in the position of being asked to fulfill an obligation they could not fulfill because they did not have the work books.
- (2) Government Members were treated differently from Opposition Members.
- (3) It placed some Members in a position where their credibility could be questioned when they were unable to provide the work books to the public.

In the ensuing debate on the question, a number of issues were raised and numerous citations from Beauchesne and Erskine May were offered to the Chair. The matter of a telephone conversation between the Member for Edmonton-McClung and the Minister responsible for the Alberta Health Planning Secretariat was raised.

The Chair is of the opinion that the public is entitled to rely upon ads such as these and where the public is invited to become involved, it would want to become involved on an informed basis. It is certainly true that these events did put some Members in a difficult position in that they could not provide the work books that they were alleged to have. It follows that this could call the credibility of those Members into question. This is a very serious matter and particularly so at a time when all Members of this Assembly are under close scrutiny by the public. These events may well have cast all Members, not just Opposition Members, in a bad light to those members of the public who tried to obtain these work books through the offices of Opposition Members. This is a serious matter.

But is it a breach of privilege or a contempt of the Assembly? The Member for Edmonton-McClung cited Erskine May at page 115 as follows:

Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty or which has a tendency directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent of the offence.

The Chair has weighed the matter carefully. In this case, the Members were not obstructed in the discharge of their work as it relates to a "proceeding in

Parliament." I refer Honourable Members to the book, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, by Joseph Maingot, at page 200. The work book was part of a process directed at formulating Government policy. The work book is not a parliamentary document nor is it part of a parliamentary proceeding. This distinguishes it from the budget document which was the subject of a previous ruling by the Chair. This alone would be sufficient to dispose of the matter.

However, there is also the question of whether or not the dissemination of this work book could be considered an aspect of "parliamentary duties". The Chair does not propose to comment on this question.

Finally, this incident cannot be said to constitute an act of sufficient severity as to bring Members into disrepute. In the opinion of the Chair, this incident is not sufficient to call into question Members' credibility and thereby impede or obstruct them in discharging their parliamentary duties.

Therefore, it is the ruling of the Chair that a prima facie case of privilege does not exist.

It is only left for the Chair to express its disappointment in the way this all came about. If the work books were advertised to be available in a certain way, it is reasonable to expect that they would be made available to the public in that way. As stated, this kind of incident does not cast any Member in a good light.

The Chair also notes that, during the debate on the question of privilege, the Deputy Government House Leader, the Minister of Labour, stated that some Members should not "whine around like a bunch of babies saying 'feed me, feed me.'" This is not the level of debate which is expected in this Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the Assembly:

Q144. (Dr. Massey)

What are the Government's projected enrolments at Alberta's colleges, universities and technical institutes for each of the 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 academic years?

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q145. (Mr. Langevin)

For the period April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992, what was the total amount in Court fines imposed on those found guilty of poaching?

Q147. (Mr. Collingwood)

How many prosecutions were brought before the Courts for infringements of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 1992, and how much revenue was collected for the Province from fines under those prosecutions?

Q148. (Mr. Collingwood)

What was the total cost of stocking lakes in Alberta with trout, walleye and yellow perch during the period April 1, 1991, to March 31, 1992, and what was the proportion of this amount that was spent on restocking lakes north of Edmonton?

Q150. (Mr. Collingwood)

How many plants were issued licences under the Clean Air Act in each of the years from April 1, 1989, until March 31, 1993; how many of these were monitored by on-site inspections and how many of these inspections were unannounced?

Q151. (Mr. Collingwood)

With respect to the landfill cells at the waste facility near Swan Hills that is operated by Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and Bovar Environmental Services Inc., what volume of leachate has leaked from each of the landfill cells, from commencement of operation until March 31, 1993; what is the chemical composition of this leachate; and what is the cost of repairing or replacing cells x-1, d-1 and d-2, and rehabilitating cell c-1, and how much of this cost is covered by insurance with respect to each cell?

Q154. (Mr. Collingwood)

For the period April 1, 1991, to March 31, 1992, and from April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993, what were the remedial works carried out and how much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend:

- (1) as the provincial share of cleaning up each of the sites in Alberta designated under the National Contaminated Sites Remediation Program; and
- (2) on cleaning up each of the other orphaned sites identified in the Help End Landfill Pollution inventory?

Q155. (Mr. Sekulic)

How many Social Assistance files have been closed between the period January 1, 1993, to August 31, 1993, and how many of the files were closed because the client found full time employment, the client was

transferred to a student finance board, or the client did not comply with policy?

Q157. (Ms Hanson)

How many administrators working in the corporate office of the Department of Family and Social Services have direct employment experience working on the front-line service delivery for the Department and what was the period of time spent working on the front-line?

On the motion that the following Written Question be rejected:

Q156. (Mr. Sekulic):

Of the number of Albertans who have had their Social Assistance files closed since January 1, 1993, how many are working full-time, are working part-time, how many are enrolled in a training/education program, how many have left the province, and how many are there whose status is unknown?

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q146, Q149, Q152, Q153, Q158, Q199, Q200, Q201.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion was agreed to:

M179. Moved by Mr. Kirkland:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all reports/studies or departmental plans outlining a provincial aviation strategy, as of August 31, 1993.

The following Motions were defeated:

M178. Moved by Mr. Kirkland:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The flight logs and passenger manifests for fixed aircraft and helicopters owned or chartered by the Government between January 1, 1991, to June 30, 1993.

M182. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by Alberta Registry Services or on behalf of Alberta Registry Services pertaining to the privatization of services and the costs/benefits achieved by the privatization of such services for the period September 1, 1992 to August 31, 1993.

M194. Moved by Ms Hanson

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all written strategies that document the processes and timelines the Government will be using to implement the recommendations of the Children's Advocate report on Child Welfare.

The following Motions were ordered to stand:

M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M164, M165, M166, M167, M168, M169, M170, M171, M172, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177, M180, M181, M183, M184, M185, M186, M187, M188, M189, M190, M191, M192, M193, M195, M196, M197, M198, M202, M203, M204.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 202 Deficit Elimination Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(i) and 8(5)(b), at 4:55 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings to put the question, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Abdurahman	Decore	Henry
Beniuk	Dickson	Hewes
Carlson	Germain	Kirkland
Chadi	Hanson	Massey

Mitchell	Sekulic	Vasseur
Nicol	Soetaert	Yankowsky
Percy	Taylor (Redwater)	Zwozdesky
Sapers	Van Binsbergen	

Against the motion: 46

Ady	Gordon	Oberg
Brassard	Haley	Pham
Burgener	Havelock	Renner
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Clegg	Hlady	Sohal
Coutts	Jacques	Stelmach
Dalla-Longa	Jonson	Tannas
Day	Kowalski	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dinning	Laing	Thurber
Doerksen	Lund	Trynchy
Dunford	Magnus	West
Evans	Mar	White
Fischer	McFarland	Wickman
Forsyth	Mirosh	Woloshyn
Fritz		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Recall Act – Mr. Dickson

A debate followed.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(b), at 5:15 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings to put the question on the amendment to the following motion.

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Debate resumed on the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Recall Act – Mr. Dickson

Ms Burgener moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 3 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Transportation and Utilities, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Thursday, September 16, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reinstate the cuts made to social assistance and in the future to consult broadly with clients, labour and professionals to determine where savings can be made that will not harm Alberta families.

On motion by Mr. Renner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, the following petitions were deemed to have been read and received:

of Elda Hoevers and Hendrik Jan Antony Hoevers for the Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act,

of Ary DeMoor for the Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993,

of Donna Kinjo and Brent Craig for the Mosaic College of Canada Act,

of Howard V. Gimbel M.D. for the Gimbel Foundation Act,

of Canadian Union College for the Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993,

of the Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. for the Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993,

of Dymetro Fedechko for the Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act,

of Allan Rothery for the Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act,

of Lawrence W. Marshall for the Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act,

of the King's College for The King's College Amendment Act, 1993,

of Newman Theological College for the Newman Theological College Continuance Act,

of the First Canadian Insurance Corporation for the First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993,

of the Gardner Bible College for the Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993,

of Hilary Jackson and Fred R. Jackson for the Benaning Osi Adoption Act,

of Albert Ludwig and others for the Alberta Seniors' Legislature Act,

of the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company by its liquidator, Deloitte & Touche Inc., for the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Act, and

of Dwight I. Bliss and Gerald D. Chipeur for the Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister without Portfolio, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act, c8.1, sec. 21:

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 1991-1992

Sessional Paper 66/93

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Poem, "Angel Too", winner of the Fifth Annual Eden Mills Writers Festival

Sessional Paper 816/93

Members' Statements

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Sunridge ski facility.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the preservation of the Paskapoo slopes.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of September 20 to 24, 1993:

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, September 20, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 20, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 93, I wish to report that the petitions for Private Bills which have been received by the Assembly have been taken under consideration by me as Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, and all the petitions received, with two exceptions, complied with Standing Order 86.

Furthermore, pursuant to Standing Order 91(2), the Private Bills Committee has had under consideration a petition which was advertised prior to November 1, 1992, presented by me, being the petition of Elda Hoovers and Hendrik Jan Antony Hoovers for the Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act. This petition was advertised in anticipation of a fall sitting in 1992 which fall sitting did not occur. Standing Order 86(1) requires that advertising be commenced not earlier than the November 1st next preceding the session. The petition has otherwise complied with the advertising requirements under Standing Order 86.

The Committee has also had under consideration the petition of Albert Ludwig and Others for the Alberta Seniors' Legislature Act, for which the advertisement first appeared in the Alberta Gazette on September 15, 1993, which is one day after documents are to be filed pursuant to Standing Order 89(2). The petition has otherwise complied with the advertising requirements under Standing Order 86.

I therefore request that these petitions be referred to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 91(2).

I request the concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation and report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill Pr1 Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr2 Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr3 Mosaic College of Canada Act – Ms Burgener
- Bill Pr4 Gimbel Foundation Act – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill Pr5 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr6 Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill Pr7 Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr8 Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act – Mr. Van Binsbergen
- Bill Pr9 Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act – Mr. Tannas
- Bill Pr10 King's College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr11 Newman Theological College Continuance Act – Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill Pr12 First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hlady
- Bill Pr13 Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard
- Bill Pr14 Benaning Osi Adoption Act – Ms Leibovici
- Bill Pr15 Alberta Seniors' Legislature Act – Mr. N. Taylor
- Bill Pr16 TD Trust Company And Central Guaranty Trust Company Act – Ms Burgener
- Bill Pr17 Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act – Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister responsible for the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s24(3):

Report of the 1993 International Board of Review, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, for the period 1987-1993

Sessional Paper 617/93

The Power and the Promise, Third Triennial Report of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

Sessional Paper 618/93

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s38(2):

Vital Statistics, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 84/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, filed the following:

Notice of the First Meeting of Creditors in the Matter of the Bankruptcy of Southern Telecommunications Ltd. of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, August 30, 1993

Sessional Paper 817/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings to put the question on the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Severtson and seconded by Ms Haley:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Evans, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to his Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of the Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:18 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 5 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 11,010 Albertans regarding the opening of adoption records.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Return to be dealt with Wednesday, September 22, 1993:

Written Questions: Q146, Q158, Q200, Q201.

Motions for Return: M164, M165, M166, M181, M192, M195, M204.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services, announced that the Department of Family and Social Services will conduct a broad-based, public consultation on the Post Adoption Registry.

Mrs. Hewes, Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, filed the following:

Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., quarterly report pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act, pertaining to DeNovo Corporation of Ontario, dated March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 818/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the conversion of rental accommodation into condominiums in his constituency.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding student loans and defaults on student loans.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement regarding the location of court hearings on foreclosures in Alberta.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Recall Act – Mr. Dickson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b) debate was adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

203. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its commitment to promoting a revitalized rural Alberta economy through the following initiatives:

- (1) the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the "Local Development Initiative" report produced by the Premier's Council on Local Development
- (2) placing greater focus on the importance of small businesses in rural Alberta, including the removal of Government interference in the private sector
- (3) the creation of a coalition of Western Premiers to work with the Prime Minister and leaders of farm organizations and agri-business to find a solution to the international subsidy wars
- (4) the creation of a Round Table of stakeholders in the agricultural industry.

A debate followed.

The Assembly temporarily recessed from 4:15 to 4:18 p.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Friedel speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, apologized to the Assembly for remarks made in Committee of Supply, Wednesday, September 15, 1993.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 16 is amended by deleting (5)(a) and (6) from Section 81.1 and renumbering the section accordingly.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Abdurahman	Germain	Percy
Beniuk	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Vasseur
Carlson	Langevin	White
Chadi	Leibovici	Zariwny
Collingwood	Mitchell	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Nicol	

Against the amendment: 44

Ady	Forsyth	McFarland
Amery	Friedel	Oberg
Black	Fritz	Paszkowski
Brassard	Gordon	Pham
Burgener	Haley	Renner
Calahasen	Havelock	Severtson
Cardinal	Herard	Smith
Clegg	Hierath	Sohal
Coutts	Hlady	Stelmach
Day	Jacques	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dinning	Jonson	Thurber
Doerksen	Kowalski	Trynchy
Dunford	Lund	West
Evans	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fischer	McClellan	

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, withdrew remarks made in Committee of the Whole, Tuesday, September 21, 1993.

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Provincial Treasurer) – Agreed to
Sessional Paper 619/93

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) –
Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 620/93

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 6 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Environmental Protection, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:09 p.m. until Wednesday, September 22, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 3,470 Calgarians regarding continued support for the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, on behalf of Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to give favourable consideration to opening adoption records in the Province in accordance with Bill 365, the Child Welfare Amendment Act, introduced May 5, 1993, during the Spring sitting of the Legislature.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate Fred Windwick, President of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, who was chosen the national executive of the year by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Toward 2000 Together, An Economic Strategy by Albertans for Alberta
Sessional Paper 819/93

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 38/93

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Solicitor General, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 86/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Public Service Pension Plan Act, cP-35.1, s4:

Public Service Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 123/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Local Authorities Pension Plan Act, cL-28.1, s4:

Local Authorities Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 118/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12.5, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 119/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Public Service Management Pension Plan Act, cP-34.1, s4:

Public Service Management Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 122/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Universities Academic Pensions Plan Act, cU-6.1, s4:

Universities Academic Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 127/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Special Forces Pension Plan Act, cS-21.1, s4:

Special Forces Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 125/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 621/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, filed the following:

Privatization of Retail Liquor Sales in Iowa, Alcoholic Beverage Division,
Iowa Department of Commerce, January 11, 1993

Sessional Paper 820/93

Privilege

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, raised a purported point of privilege concerning remarks made by Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, September 21, 1993, to Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, Mr. Decore, Leader of the Official Opposition, Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader,

Mrs. Hewes, Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition and Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, commented on the purported point of privilege.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate Fred Windwick, President of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, who was chosen the national executive of the year by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Executives.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

Q201. (Mr. Collingwood):

What is the formula used by the Government to determine how many hunting licences can be issued each year for each wildlife species?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

Q146. (Mr. Langevin):

For the Government and commercial operators, respectively, working on Crown land in Alberta:

- (1) what was the total acreage logged between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 1992?
- (2) what acreage was planted, seeded or prepared for regeneration between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 1992?
- (3) what was the acreage awaiting treatment at March 31, 1992?
- (4) what was the acreage that had been logged prior to April 1, 1989, that had not been planted, seeded or treated by March 31, 1992?

on. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House, moved that the Written Question be amended as follows:

For the Government and commercial operators, respectively, working on Crown land in Alberta:

- (1) what was the total acreage logged between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1992?
- (2) what acreage was planted, seeded or prepared for regeneration between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1992?
- (3) what was the acreage awaiting treatment at April 30, 1992?
- (4) what was the acreage that had been logged prior to April 30, 1989, that had not been planted, seeded or treated by April 30, 1992?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

Q158. (Ms Hanson):

How many new files have been opened in the Supports for Independence program for the period January 1, 1993, to August 30, 1993; of these new files, how many clients have been on assistance before and what was the duration previously spent on assistance by each client?

Q200. (Mr. Henry):

How many students received services from occupational therapists and physiotherapists in Alberta schools, funded by the Department of Education or local school divisions, during the academic years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q149, Q152, Q153, Q199.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to as amended:

M164. Moved by Mr. Henry:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all draft or final studies of a strategic plan for brain injury initiative prepared by the Department of Health as of August 31, 1993.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Copies of public documents or final studies of a strategic plan for brain injury initiative prepared by the Department of Health as of August 31, 1993.

M165. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any studies or documents compiled between April 1, 1992, and July 31, 1993, indicating the population of feral horses in the green zone of Alberta and the Sundre area.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

The estimated population of feral horses in the Green Area of Alberta on a forest by forest basis.

M166. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any studies or documents compiled between April 1, 1991, and July 31, 1993, indicating the moose population of Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Documents compiled between April 1, 1991, and July 31, 1993, indicating the moose population of Alberta.

M195. Moved by Mr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, reports and analyses used to ascertain the proportion of post-secondary education programs presently covered by student fees.

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

A copy of the most current analysis used to ascertain the percentage of post-secondary institutional net operating expenditure covered by fees for instruction.

The following motions were defeated:

M181. Moved by Mr. Kirkland:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any debt restructuring proposals submitted by the Government or

Prince Rupert Grain Terminal since January 1, 1992, to August 31, 1993, with respect to repayment of the participating mortgage held in Prince Rupert Grain Terminal through the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

M192. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by the Government Reorganization Secretariat or on behalf of the Secretariat by other Government entities since January 1, 1993, with respect to Government streamlining and departmental consolidation, downsizing of the public service, the elimination and/or amalgamation of Government agencies, boards and commissions and the privatization or disposal of Government assets and services.

M204. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The contracts entered into for the repair of leaks in landfill cells at the Alberta Special Waste Treatment Centre at Swan Hills between January 1, 1991, and March 31, 1993.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M167, M168, M169, M170, M171, M172, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177, M180, M183, M184, M185, M186, M187, M188, M189, M190, M191, M193, M196, M197, M198, M202, M203, M205.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Recall Act – Mr. Dickson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(i) and (b), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Abdurahman	Bruseker	Day
Beniuk	Collingwood	Decore
Bracko	Dalla-Longa	Dickson

Dunford	Jacques	Sapers
Forsyth	Kirkland	Sekulic
Germain	Langevin	Taylor <small>(Redwater)</small>
Hanson	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Havelock	Massey	White
Henry	Mitchell	Wickman
Hewes	Nicol	Yankowsky
Hierath	Percy	Zariwny
Hlady		

Against the motion: 42

Ady	Fritz	Paszkowski
Amery	Gordon	Pham
Black	Haley	Renner
Brassard	Herard	Rostad
Burgener	Jonson	Severtson
Calahasen	Kowalski	Smith
Cardinal	Laing	Sohal
Clegg	Lund	Stelmach
Coutts	Magnus	Tannas
Dinning	Mar	Taylor <small>(Cypress-Medicine Hat)</small>
Doerksen	McClellan	Thurber
Evans	McFarland	Trynchy
Fischer	Mirosh	West
Friedel	Oberg	Woloshyn

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

A debate followed.

Mr. Hlady moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:28 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 7 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Thursday, September 23, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 23, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 282 Albertans regarding the reinstatement of cuts made to social assistance.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, the following petition was read and received:

We pray that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide ongoing support for the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre's cost-effective, therapeutically-effective drug/alcohol treatment programs.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Professor David Schindler, Killam Memorial Professor of Ecology, University of Alberta, on receiving a Manning Award in recognition of his contribution to the fight against water pollution.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister responsible for the Wild Rose Foundation, pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-7.8, s7(3):

Wild Rose Foundation, 1992-93 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 138/93

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister responsible for the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 107/93

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

Education in Alberta: Early Childhood Services to Grade 12, 1993-94 Budget and an Overview of Challenges in the 90s, September 14, 1993

Sessional Paper 622/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the expansion of Medicine Hat College.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Michener Park Residence located in his constituency.

Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding fiscal inequities among school districts.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of September 27 to 30, 1993:

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| Monday, September 27, 1993 | <p>Aft. - Government Bills and Orders
 (Second Reading)
 Bill 7, Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act
 Bill 8, School Amendment Act, 1992
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 5, Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993</p> <p>Eve. - Committee of Supply
 Public Works, Supply and Services</p> |
| Tuesday, September 28, 1993 (4:30 p.m.) | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 7, Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act
 Bill 5, Financial Administration Amendment Act</p> <p>Eve. - Committee of Supply
 Energy</p> |
| Wednesday, September 29, 1993 | <p>Eve. - Committee of Supply
 Health</p> |
| Thursday, September 30, 1993 | <p>Aft. - Committee of Supply
 Municipal Affairs (designated)</p> |

Privilege

The Speaker made the following ruling:

A question of privilege was raised by the Member for Calgary-North West on Wednesday, September 22, 1993.

The Chair notes that proper notice of the question of privilege was given pursuant to Standing Order 15(2).

The facts giving rise to this question of privilege are these:

1. On Tuesday, September 21, 1993, the Member for Redwater rose in Committee of the Whole to apologize to the Chair and withdraw certain remarks he had made previously in Committee of Supply.
2. That being done, the Minister of Transportation and Utilities rose to ask if the Member for Redwater was prepared to apologize to him for remarks the Member for Redwater had made on the same occasion which the Minister felt impugned him.
3. After some debate over what the Member for Redwater said, what he might have meant and whether or not an apology was in order, the Chairman asked the Minister: "do you wish this referred to the Speaker, or are you satisfied now?"
4. The Minister replied: "Mr. Chairman, no, I wish the House to continue in its work, but I can assure the Hon. Member across the way that he has lost any road program for the next four years."
5. The Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar rose on a point of order and asked "Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to inquire if that last comment was made in jest. I'd like an answer."
6. The Minister replied: "Mr. Chairman, as we go year by year, we have to put in our priorities, and each year the Hon. Member will know whether I was jesting or not."
7. Approximately an hour later, at 5:25, the Minister rose and stated: "Mr. Chairman, this afternoon we've had some debate. The Hon. Member for Redwater and myself couldn't see eye to eye. Being a man of principle, I will withdraw any remarks I made in that regard."

On raising the question, the Member for Calgary-North West referred to Beauchesne, paragraph 99, which states, in its entirety:

Direct threats which attempt to influence Members' actions in the House are undoubtedly breaches of privilege. They do, however, provide serious problems for the House. They are often made anonymously and it is rarely possible for the House to examine them satisfactorily. The common practice

today is to turn the responsibility for investigating them over to the ordinary forces of the law.

This paragraph contemplates threats against Members from persons outside of the House. This does not necessarily mean it is not relevant, but it has to be read in context.

The Member for Calgary-North West also cited Erskine May at page 126. That passage refers to a resolution of the English House of Commons made in the year 1733 which reads:

"That the assaulting, insulting, or menacing any Member of this House, in his coming to or going from the House or upon the account of his behaviour in Parliament, is a high infringement of the privilege of this House, a most outrageous and dangerous violation of the rights of Parliament and an high crime and misdemeanour."

Again, this resolution clearly contemplates threats to Members made by persons outside of the House. Again, this does not necessarily invalidate it, but it does limit its application.

In the ensuing debate, several Hon. Members made a number of points for which the Chair is grateful.

It seems to the Chair that two questions have to be answered:

First, do the Minister's words to the Member for Redwater constitute a breach of privilege? and,

Second, was the Minister's withdrawal later that day sufficient to dispose of the matter?

The powers, privileges and immunities of parliaments have been settled since 1704. No new privileges may be added to this list. Parliament may only expound and apply the law of privilege as it exists. After an extensive review of the powers, privileges and immunities of parliament, the Chair finds that these words as spoken by a Member of the Assembly do not fall under any of these powers, privileges or immunities.

The Chair has considered whether the words spoken are a contempt. The classic statement of a contempt is from Erskine May, at page 115:

Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent for the offence.

Threats of this kind are an extremely serious matter. There is no doubt that the implication by a Minister that action might be taken with respect to another

Member's words or actions, could have the effect of inhibiting freedom of speech in this Chamber.

Such threatening words could constitute a contempt. It would be up to the Committee on Privileges and Elections to decide. However, in this case, the Minister withdrew his remarks.

This raises the issue of apologies and withdrawals. On the matter of apology, Maingot, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, says at page 228, under the heading "Where a Member is the subject of a Question of Privilege":

"An apology by the offending member will invariably close the matter without the necessity of putting the matter to a vote."

Erskine May, at page 140, notes that even where a Member has been found guilty of a breach of privilege,

"... in consequence of the full and ample apology he had offered to the House, or that having regard to his withdrawal of the expressions complained of, it would not proceed any further in the matter."

The Chair has not found a *prima facie* breach of privilege in this case. Had it done so however, the Chair imagines that the withdrawal offered by the Minister, an hour after the words were spoken, would be, at best, just barely enough to close the matter. An apology should be timely.

If a Member intends to apologize for and withdraw any remark, whether as a result of a point of order or a question of privilege, the apology should be sincere and the withdrawal unequivocal. The Oxford Dictionary defines "apology" as:

"a regretful acknowledgement of an offence or failure; an assurance that no offence was intended."

If an apology is in order, then the honourable thing to do, the courageous thing to do, is to apologize in a straightforward way. The Chair feels that, during this incident, two Members fell short of the standard in their apologies or withdrawals. What good is an apology, or a withdrawal, if no one can be sure if there was, in fact, an apology or withdrawal?

Members are human and subject to all the emotions that come with that territory: anger and pride are two that come to mind. Sometimes this job seems to require that we be superhuman in controlling our anger and our pride and in exercising good judgment and we just have to do it. If we fail, we must make amends.

Finally, there is the issue of the rule against anticipation when there is an outstanding question of privilege. Speaker Carter dealt with this exact issue on April 22, 1993 (*Hansard*, page 2335). Beauchesne 410(14) states "Questions should not anticipate an Order of the Day." The privilege issue was held to constitute an Order of the Day, since notice had been given. There is also an issue of sub judice. If the matter was to be referred to the Committee on

Privileges and Elections, it would not be appropriate for the Assembly to risk in any way prejudicing the deliberations of that Committee.

The Chair has left the matter of the timeliness of the question of privilege to the last. It seems to the Chair that this question could have been raised when it happened. There is an argument that it was necessary to wait for the blues to confirm what was said. Members must be diligent in raising matters of privilege at the earliest opportunity. That being the case, and since the Chair ruled on this question on other grounds, the Chair decided not to bar the question on the basis that it was not raised at the earliest possible time.

Clarification of Privilege Ruling

Earlier today, the Chair made a ruling on a question of privilege raised by the Member for Calgary-North West.

The Chair would like to clarify a statement made in that ruling.

At one point the Chair stated:

"The Chair has not found a prima facie breach of privilege in this case. Had it done so however, the Chair imagines that the withdrawal offered by the Minister, an hour after the words were spoken, would be, at best, just barely enough to close the matter. An apology should be timely."

This statement was neither intended nor correct. What the Chair wanted to say was:

"The withdrawal offered by the Minister, an hour after the words were spoken would, at best, be just barely enough to close the matter. An apology should be timely."

The ruling was, in essence, that a prima facie case of contempt did exist. However, the ruling was that the Minister's withdrawal was sufficient, but barely sufficient, to close the matter, based on the authorities cited in the ruling.

The Chair regrets any confusion which may have resulted.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Professor David Schindler, Killam Memorial Professor of Ecology, University of Alberta, on receiving a Manning Award in recognition of his contribution to the fight against water pollution.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply

(Day 8 of Main Estimates Consideration – Designated)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, September 27, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 27, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 241 Public Service Pay Equity Act – Mrs. Soetaert

- Bill 248 Amusement Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Zwozdesky
Bill 249 Employment Standards Code Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Leibovici
Bill 252 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson
Bill 253 Legal Profession Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 1) – Mr. Dickson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Tourism Education Council Act, cT-6.3, s7(2):

Alberta Tourism Education Council, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 43/93

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 95/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Government of Alberta News Release, September 27, 1993, announcing the establishment of the Tax Reform Commission
Sessional Paper 821/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made an announcement regarding the centennial celebrations of Ukrainian settlement in Alberta.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the announcement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, filed the following:

Office of the Premier Memorandum, dated September 27, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting the Members' Services Committee adopt a motion to cancel the payment of a Representational Allowance to the President of Executive Council

Sessional Paper 822/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Black
Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon.
Mr. Dinning

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud)
Sessional Paper 623/93

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Dr. West, Acting Government House Leader, at 5:27 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 9 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Tuesday, September 28, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reinstate the cuts made to social assistance and in the future to consult broadly with clients, labour and professionals to determine where savings can be made that will not harm Alberta families.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly grant leave for the Designated Supply Subcommittee, considering the estimates of Executive Council, to meet on Thursday, September 30, 1993, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. when the Assembly is sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Return to be dealt with Wednesday, September 29, 1993:

Written Questions: None.

Motions for Return: M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M167, M168,
M169, M171, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177,
M189, M190, M191, M193, M198, M202.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding the location of the first Canadian blood fractionation plant.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the net income of Alberta Treasury Branches.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, made a statement regarding the rapidly aging population.

Statement by the Speaker

Today there was a question asking for comments by a Minister. That, Hon. Members, is not a proper way to craft a question. A question, according to Beauchesne, is to seek specific information and not to ask for a general commentary. That is not the role of question period.

There also has been a tendency over the last few weeks to get away from directing questions through the Chair. That is leading to an escalation of emotions and noise in the Chamber that delays matters. So the Chair, starting from now on, is going to interrupt people who ask questions of the Premier or the Treasurer or whatever Minister, and the Chair will also interrupt those Ministers who reply personally to the questioner. That is not proper and is leading this Assembly in the wrong direction.

The last question took six minutes, and that was one reason why the Chair didn't

interrupt. He was going to see just how long that exercise was going to take, but the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung is perfectly correct when he says that there were unrelated supplementals. The question was asked in not a very precise way, and because of that the Hon. Minister took an opportunity to make a speech instead of giving an answer. I hope that the Chair has answered this point of order in a way that will lead other Hon. Members to deal with their questions and the answers in a more precise way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned with Hon. Mr. Evans speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

203. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its commitment to promoting a revitalized rural Alberta economy through the following initiatives:

- (1) the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the "Local Development Initiative" report produced by the Premier's Council on Local Development
- (2) placing greater focus on the importance of small businesses in rural Alberta, including the removal of Government interference in the private sector
- (3) the creation of a coalition of Western Premiers to work with the Prime Minister and leaders of farm organizations and agri-business to find a solution to the international subsidy wars
- (4) the creation of a Round Table of stakeholders in the agricultural industry.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Abdurahman	Gordon	Sekulic
Beniuk	Henry	Soetaert
Bracko	Hewes	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zariwny
Friedel	Renner	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sapers	

Against the motion: 43

Ady	Forsyth	Mar
Amery	Fritz	McClellan
Black	Haley	McFarland
Brassard	Havelock	Mirosh
Burgener	Herard	Oberg
Calahasen	Hierath	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Smith
Day	Klein	Sohal
Dinning	Kowalski	Tannas
Doerksen	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Lund	West
Evans	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fischer		

204. Moved by Mr. Jacques:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to change casino regulations to permit chartered non-profit organizations to fund-raise anywhere in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Black

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon.
Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 10 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Energy, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Wednesday, September 29, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

Meeting The Challenge, An Education Roundtable Workbook, 1993
Sessional Paper 823/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q149, Q152, Q153, Q199, Q206, Q207, Q208.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to as amended:

M159. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Projections of the following revenue indicators, as the Government may have prepared, for the 1994-95 through 1996-97 fiscal years inclusive, underlying the Government's balanced budget plan from personal income tax, corporate income tax, crude oil royalties, crown leases, payments by the Government of Canada, investment income, and premiums, licenses and fees.

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Projections of the following revenue indicators, as the Government may have prepared, for the 1994-95 through 1996-97 fiscal years inclusive, underlying the Government's balanced budget plan from personal income tax, corporate income tax, non-renewable resource revenue, payments by the Government of Canada, investment income, and premiums, licenses and fees, other taxes, and other revenue.

M161. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Breakdown of provision for doubtful accounts and loans, recorded as a budgetary expenditure under the General Revenue Fund, by organizational entity and the amount of such obligation for each, for the fiscal years 1989-90 through 1991-92 inclusive as contained in Schedule 2.16 of the Public Accounts of Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Breakdown of provision for doubtful accounts and loans, recorded as a budgetary expenditure under the General Revenue Fund, analyzed between accounts receivable, loans and advances, and implemented guarantees, with a further breakdown of loans by borrower, for the fiscal years 1989-90 through 1991-92 inclusive as contained in Schedule 2.16 of the Public Accounts of Alberta.

M162. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The cost of operating Alberta's foreign offices for 1992-93 broken down by operating costs by government department, including accommodation costs and salaries for the Agents General, clerical staff, commercial officers and posted staff.

Hon. Mr. Dinning, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

The cost of operating Alberta's foreign offices for 1992-93 broken down by operating costs by government department, including accommodation costs and salary ranges for the Agents General, clerical staff, commercial officers and posted staff.

M163. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed itinerary and the results of the 24-day trade mission undertaken by former MLA, Mr. Rick Orman, on behalf of the Government in April 1993.

Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

A detailed itinerary and the results of the 9-day trade mission undertaken by former MLA, Mr. Rick Orman, on behalf of the Government in April 1993.

M171. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the loan agreements between the Government and the following entities: Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc., Centennial Food Corp., Gainers Properties Inc., Engineered Profiles (1989) Ltd. and Ryckman Financial Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Copies of the loan agreements between the Government and the following entities: Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc., Centennial Food Corp., Gainers Properties Inc., Engineered Profiles (1989) Ltd. and Ryckman Financial Corporation for which all parties to these agreements allow release.

The following Motions for Returns were defeated:

M160. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Details of the \$55 million U.S. in additional financing to be provided by NovAtel to systems customers as of May 29, 1992, broken down by RSA/MSA and company name, as noted on page 78 of the Auditor General's Report on NovAtel Communications Ltd.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as followed:

For the motion: 28

Abdurahman	Hewes	Sekulic
Bracko	Kirkland	Soetaert
Bruseker	Langevin	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Massey	Vasseur
Collingwood	Mitchell	White
Decore	Nicol	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zariwny
Hanson	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Henry		

Against the motion: 46

Ady	Friedel	McFarland
Amery	Fritz	Mirosh
Black	Gordon	Oberg
Brassard	Haley	Paszkowski
Burgener	Havelock	Pham
Calahasen	Herard	Renner
Cardinal	Hierath	Severtson
Clegg	Hlady	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Sohal
Day	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	West
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth		

M167. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
 Details on the outstanding guarantees under the Export Loan Guarantee program, listing the companies which have been assisted, the amount of guarantee provided to each company and an evaluation of the status of each guarantee, as of July 31, 1993.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abdurahman	Hewes	Sekulic
Bracko	Kirkland	Soetaert
Bruseker	Langevin	Taylor (Redwater)
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Decore	Mitchell	Yankowsky
Dickson	Nicol	Zariwny
Hanson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Henry	Sapers	

Against the motion: 43

Ady	Friedel	McFarland
Amery	Fritz	Mirosh
Black	Gordon	Oberg
Burgener	Haley	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Pham
Cardinal	Herard	Renner
Clegg	Hierath	Severtson
Coutts	Hlady	Smith
Day	Jonson	Sohal
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth		

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time the division bells ring from 10 to 2 minutes.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

M168. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the following consultant's reports on the operations of NovAtel Communications Ltd.:
- (1) Burns Fry report dated June 1988;
 - (2) Arthur D. Little report dated November 1988;
 - (3) First Boston Canada Limited report dated October 4, 1990;
 - (4) Price Waterhouse report dated November 28, 1990;
 - (5) S.G. Warburg & Co. reports dated September 1989, December 1989, March 28, 1990, and May 1991;
 - (6) Coopers & Lybrand Consulting Group report dated January 1991;
and
 - (7) SRI International reports dated April 29, 1991, and June 19, 1991.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abdurahman	Henry	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Soetaert
Carlson	Langevin	Vasseur
Chadi	Leibovici	White
Collingwood	Massey	Yankowsky
Decore	Mitchell	Zariwny
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Hanson	Percy	

Against the motion: 44

Ady	Forsyth	McFarland
Amery	Friedel	Mirosh
Black	Fritz	Oberg
Brassard	Gordon	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Pham
Calahasen	Havelock	Renner
Cardinal	Herard	Severtson
Clegg	Hierath	Smith
Coutts	Hlady	Sohal
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	Woloshyn
Fischer	McClellan	

M169. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including any commitment letters with lenders, the loan agreements and any Alberta guarantee and indemnity agreements, pertaining to the Government's financial involvement with the following entities: Magnesium Company of Canada, Gainers Properties Inc., Smoky River Coal Limited, Ribbon Creek Alpine Village, Gainers Inc., Golden Gate Fresh Foods Inc., Northern Steel Inc., Universal Industries, Atlas Lumber (Alberta) Ltd., North Saskatchewan Riverboat Ltd. and Tycor International Inc.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abdurahman	Henry	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Soetaert
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	Yankowsky
Decore	Mitchell	Zariwny
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Hanson	Percy	

Against the motion: 45

Ady	Forsyth	McFarland
Amery	Friedel	Mirosh
Black	Fritz	Oberg
Brassard	Gordon	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Pham
Calahasen	Havelock	Renner
Cardinal	Herard	Severtson
Clegg	Hierath	Smith
Coutts	Hlady	Sohal
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	West
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn

M173. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements signed between the Government's Telexel Holdings Limited with respect to the acquisition of NovAtel Communications Ltd.'s subscriber equipment division by Telexel Holdings in May 1992.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Soetaert
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Decore	Mitchell	Yankowsky
Dickson	Nicol	Zariwny
Hanson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Henry	Sapers	

Against the motion: 45

Ady	Forsyth	McFarland
Amery	Friedel	Mirosh
Black	Fritz	Oberg
Brassard	Gordon	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Pham
Calahasen	Havelock	Renner
Cardinal	Herard	Rostad
Clegg	Hierath	Severtson
Coutts	Hlady	Smith
Day	Jonson	Sohal
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn

M174. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents and correspondence pertaining to the system of loan financing arrangements between the Government and the following entities: General Cellular Corporation, S&P Cellular Holdings Inc., Cellular Information Systems, General Cellular International, Telemovil SA. of Peru and GMD Partnership.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Beniuk	Hewes	Sekulic
Bracko	Kirkland	Soetaert
Bruseker	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Leibovici	Vasseur
Chadi	Massey	White
Collingwood	Nicol	Yankowsky
Decore	Percy	Zariwny
Hanson	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Henry		

Against the motion: 43

Ady	Forsyth	McFarland
Amery	Friedel	Mirosh
Black	Fritz	Oberg
Brassard	Gordon	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Pham
Calahasen	Havelock	Renner
Cardinal	Herard	Severtson
Clegg	Hierath	Smith
Coutts	Hlady	Sohal
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fischer		

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M170, M172, M180, M183, M184, M185, M186, M187, M188, M196, M197, M203, M205, M209, M210, M211, M212.

The following Motions for Returns were not dealt with and therefore remain standing on the Order Paper:

M175, M176, M177, M189, M190, M191, M193, M198, M202

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions**15.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Evans on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that the Assembly grant leave for the Designated Supply Sub-Committee considering the estimates of Executive Council, to meet on Thursday, September 30, 1993, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. when the Assembly is sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Committee of Supply

(Day 11 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Health

\$ 3,326,599,335	Operating Expenditure
<u>32,632,135</u>	Capital Investment
3,359,231,470	

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$ 1,169,522,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>28,395,000</u>	Capital Investment
1,197,917,000	

Family and Social Services

\$ 1,596,054,650	Operating Expenditure
<u>3,091,880</u>	Capital Investment
1,599,146,530	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, September 30, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 30, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel
- Bill 254 Alberta Youth Conservation Corps Act – Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 260 Native Peoples Representation Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. N. Taylor
- Bill 261 Mental Health Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Sapers
- Bill 263 Government Open Contract Act – Mr. Chadi

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 116/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Resources Railway Corporation Act, cA-36, s25(2):

Alberta Resources Railway Corporation, Financial Statements,
December 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 133/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s43(4):

Report Pursuant to Section 43(4) of the Legislative Assembly Act, Year
Ended March 31, 1992 (Reports of Amounts Paid to Members of the
Legislative Assembly on Boards)

Sessional Paper 117/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, sec. 16:

Report pursuant to Section 31(6) of the Legislative Assembly Act, Year
Ended March 31, 1992 (Statement of Payments to Members of the
Legislative Assembly and Direct Associates)

Sessional Paper 110/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s78(1):

Public Accounts, Volume I, 1992-93, Consolidated Financial Statements of
the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 112/93

Public Accounts, Volume II, 1992-93, Financial Statements of the General
Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 112A/93

Public Accounts, Volume III, 1992-93, Financial Statements of Provincial
Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 112B/93

Schedule of additional information respecting MLA pensions to be inserted in Statement No. 2 on page 2.2 of the Supplementary Information to the Public Accounts, 1991-92 (Sessional Paper 98C/92)

Sessional Paper 112C/93

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(1):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 8/93

Mr. Hierath, Chairman, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

Addendum to the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the General Election of the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, June 15, 1993

Sessional Paper 142B/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Vegreville-Viking, made a statement regarding the recovery of costs that local boards of health incur in assessing the environmental impact of landfill sites.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, made a statement regarding the decay of housing in the urban core of Edmonton.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding recent changes to Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly and the importance of free votes.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of October 4 to 8, 1993:

Monday, October 4, 1993

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

(Third Reading)

Bill 7, Alberta Energy Company
Act Repeal Act

Committee of the Whole

Bill 8, School Amendment Act,
1992

Bill 5, Financial Administration
Amendment Act, 1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Environmental Protection

Tuesday, October 5, 1993 (4:30 p.m.)

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Bill 5, Financial Administration
Amendment Act, 1993

Bill 8, School Amendment Act,
1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Transportation and Utilities

Wednesday, October 6, 1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Community Development

Thursday, October 7, 1993

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**

Economic Development and
Tourism

Statement by the Speaker

Yesterday, during debate on Motion for Return 168, there were several comments and points of order made about the nature and process involved with Motions for Returns. The Chair refers specifically to the question posed by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre in the form of a point of order about the role of the Chair in determining the appropriateness of Motions for Returns placed on the Order Paper. The Chair would like to address briefly this concern.

As Honourable Members are aware, some of the amendments to the Standing Orders related to Motions for Returns and Written Questions. The Chair refers specifically to Standing Order 34. The only substantive criterion in Standing Order 34 concerning the nature of Motions for Returns and Written Questions is that they are to seek information "relating to public affairs."

It is the practice of this Assembly that Parliamentary Counsel and Table Officers review the Motions for Returns prior to their introduction so as to advise the Speaker whether the form of the Motion for Return is in Order. As stated in

Beauchesne, paragraph 442, it is the Speaker's responsibility to see that the motion is in proper form; that is "whether it is the appropriate motion to do what is sought to be done." The Chair and the Table Officers do not advise with respect to the appropriateness of the content of the proposed Motions for Returns but only the form.

The decision with respect to whether the Motion for Return is acceptable or not acceptable or whether it is acceptable with amendments is the responsibility of the Government to move. The Assembly then votes and the result is an Order of the House. It is, therefore, the House that ultimately decides on whether the documents sought will be tabled or not. Honourable Members are referred to Beauchesne paragraph 445.

Although the practice of this Assembly differs to some extent from that in the federal Parliament, there are several applicable passages from Beauchesne on the grounds (should it wish to give grounds) upon which the Government may refuse Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers which are similar to our Motions for Returns. The Chair would refer Members to paragraphs 443 - 453 in this regard. There are also the conventions with respect to matters which are sub judice which the Hon. Deputy Government House Leader referred to yesterday. That issue is to be addressed by the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform. With respect to confidential material, the Chair would like to quote from paragraph 447 of Beauchesne's which states in part:

"Any determination of what constitutes 'confidential documents' is not a matter for the Speaker to determine. It is up to the Government to determine whether any 'letters, papers, and studies' are of a confidential nature when deciding how to respond to a Notice for the Production of Papers."

The Chair hopes this clarifies matters.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply

(Day 12 of Main Estimates Consideration - Designated)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Sohal reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Monday, October 4, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 4, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made an announcement regarding provincial fiscal policies.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, made an announcement regarding the results of the Provincial Roundtable on Health.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, filed the following:

Public Consultations on Health, September 7, 1993

Sessional Paper 824/93

Statement by the Speaker

Last Thursday, the Opposition House Leader asked for the Chair's reasons for the Chair's ruling on a question asked by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Whitemud. That Honourable Member had prefaced his question about loan guarantees with references to a vote by the Assembly taken the previous day whereby the Assembly refused to accept a Motion for Return relating to that subject. The Chair ruled the question out of order as it reflected on a previous decision of the House.

The decision of the Chair with respect to the question by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Whitemud was based partly on Standing Order 23(f) which states that a Member will be called to order by the Speaker if that Member:

(f) debates any previous vote of the Assembly unless it is that Member's intention to move that it be rescinded.

The Chair does not agree with the Honourable Opposition House Leader that this authority applies only to debates and not question period. There is no such limitation on any of the grounds for calling Members to order under Standing Order 23. Reliance is placed on the verb "debates" in section 23(f). It is the Chair's view that "debates" in that sub-order is to be taken in its generic sense and not to be seen as limiting the applicability to formal "debates" and not question period. Furthermore, to give the sub-order the interpretation proposed by the Honourable Opposition House Leader would result in Members being able to continually question previous decisions and nothing would ever be taken as final.

The Chair would further refer Members to Beauchesne paragraph 411(4) which states that questions may not "criticize decisions of the House". This principle is also found in Erskine May at page 293.

Finally, the Chair would note that the Honourable Member from Edmonton-Whitemud was able to reformulate his question in such a way so as not to refer to the previous day's vote.

Now that the Chair has had an opportunity to share the rationale behind last Thursday's ruling, it is hoped that we will not have to revisit this issue.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Black

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

by removing the following from section 6:

or a private school accredited under section 22(2)

after "board"

and substituting the following:

in which the student is resident, or in the case of a separate school district, by that which is closest to the student's place of residence

after "board"

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 22

Beniuk
Bracko
Carlson

Chadi
Collingwood
Dalla-Longa

Decore
Dickson
Germain

Hanson	Leibovici	Soetaert
Henry	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Hewes	Percy	White
Kirkland	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Langevin		

Against the motion: 47

Ady	Fritz	Mirosh
Amery	Gordon	Nicol
Black	Haley	Oberg
Brassard	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Pham
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Smith
Dinning	Kowalski	Sohal
Doerksen	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Magnus	Thurber
Fischer	Mar	Trynchy
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

The following Bill was reported as amended:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) – Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 624/93

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre)

Sessional Paper 625/93

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Provincial Treasurer) – Agreed to

Sessional Paper 626/93

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon.
Mr. Dinning

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

A debate followed.

Mr. White moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply.

Adjournment

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, moved, at 5:23 p.m., that it be called 5:30 p.m., which was agreed to, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1993 – 8:00 p.m.

Committee of Supply

(Day 13 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Environmental Protection, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday, October 5, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 186 Bethany Care Centre residents regarding an increase in monthly room rate imposed by Alberta Health Care.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, October 6, 1993:

Written Questions: Q149, Q152, Q153, Q199, Q206, Q207.

Motions for Returns: M175, M176, M177, M180, M183, M188, M189, M190, M191, M193, M198, M202, M210.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Rural Gas Act, cR-19, s30(7):

Gas Alberta Operating Fund Report of Fund Operations for the year ending March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 137/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, announced that October is Women's History Month.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding handicap access to the Legislature Building and Annex.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the completion of the export highway to Coutts, Alberta.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding hunting rights for aboriginals and non-aboriginals.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 205 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act – Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned with Mr. Stelmach speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

204. Moved by Mr. Jacques:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to change casino regulations to permit chartered non-profit organizations to fund-raise anywhere in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

205. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its commitment to funding for the "human services" departments of Health, Family and Social Services and Education by developing a comprehensive, long-term plan for funding priorities in these departments, including three-year funding frameworks for organizations involved in these sectors, extensive consultation with affected parties and a public process for informing Albertans what the Government's plans and priorities will be.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned with Mrs. Laing speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre)
Sessional Paper 627/93

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 14 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Transportation and Utilities

\$	315,960,400	Operating Expenditure
	<u>329,905,600</u>	Capital Investments
	645,866,000	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:36 p.m. until Wednesday, October 6, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 1993, it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 1993.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister responsible for the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities:

Removing Barriers, An Action Plan for Aboriginal People with Disabilities, September 1993

Sessional Paper 825/93

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 826/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Unicare Integrated Software Inc., Financial Statements, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990 and 1989

Sessional Paper 827/93

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2):

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1992, including the Report of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund

Sessional Paper 14/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, filed the following:

North Saskatchewan Riverboat Ltd., Sternwheeler Project Business Proposal
Sessional Paper 828/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q149. (Mr. Collingwood):

What is the formula used by the Government and the Tire Recycling Management Board to determine the appropriate amount to pay Inland Cement Ltd. from the Tire Recycling Fund towards the cost of marshalling, transporting, sorting, storing and handling tires for its facility in Edmonton?

Q153. (Mr. Collingwood):

How much have each of the Departments of Environmental Protection and Economic Development and Trade spent on the Action on Waste program from inception until March 31, 1993; how many projects have been set up; by what percentage has waste in the Province been reduced by this program; and by what percentage has waste been diverted from landfills to recycling, as a result of this program?

Q199. (Mr. N. Taylor):

What are the terms and conditions of the contract between the Government and Mr. Jim Horsman, respecting Mr. Horsman's designation as the Province's chief negotiator in the intergovernmental discussions leading to the reduction and/or elimination of interprovincial barriers to trade.

Q207. (Mr. Sekulic):

How many calls have been made to the Minister's office requesting copies of the Children's Advocate Report from August 12, 1993 to September 28, 1993?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

Q152. (Mr. Langevin):

What was the total acreage of timber in the Province harvested between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 1992, under forest management agreements, coniferous timber quotas, deciduous timber allocations, coniferous licences, commercial timber permits and local timber permits?

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Written Question be amended as follows:

What was the total acreage of timber in the Province harvested between May 1, 1991, and April 30, 1992, by forest management agreement holders, industry quota holders, Government quota holders and Government non-quota holders?

On the motion that the following Written Question be rejected:

Q206. (Mr. Sekulic):

How much money has the Department of Family and Social Services spent on hotels for children in Protective Services for the period April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993 and from April 1, 1993 to September 15, 1993?

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

Ady	Dunford	Jonson
Amery	Evans	Kowalski
Black	Fischer	Laing
Brassard	Forsyth	Magnus
Burgener	Friedel	Mar
Calahasen	Fritz	McClellan
Cardinal	Gordon	McFarland
Clegg	Haley	Mirosh
Coutts	Havelock	Oberg
Day	Herard	Paszkowski
Dinning	Hierath	Pham
Doerksen	Hlady	Renner

Rostad	Stelmach	Trynchy
Severtson	Tannas	West
Smith	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)	Woloshyn
Sohal	Thurber	

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Hewes	Van Binsbergen
Bruseker	Kirkland	Vasseur
Carlson	Massey	White
Chadi	Mitchell	Wickman
Collingwood	Percy	Yankowsky
Dalla-Longa	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sekulic	
Hanson	Soetaert	

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

Q208.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to:

M175. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the management agreement concluded between the Government and North West Trust in May 1992, pertaining to the management of the NovAtel systems loan portfolio.

M177. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All internal studies prepared by or on behalf of the Government evaluating the feasibility of setting up trade delegations in New Delhi, Siberia and Taiwan.

M188. Moved by Mr. Chadi:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the most recent actuarial valuations carried out on the following pension plans: the Public Service Plan, the Public Service Management Plan, the Local Authorities Plan, the Universities Academic Plan, the Special Forces Plan, the Members of the Legislative Assembly Plan, the

Teachers' Retirement Fund and the Provincial Judges and Masters In Chambers Plan.

M191. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Details of the \$25 million in valuation adjustments provided for in the Treasury Department's General Revenue Fund estimates for the 1993-94 fiscal year by entity and the provisional adjustment for each entity.

M193. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the 1992-93 audited financial statements for 354713 Alberta Ltd. (Softco).

M202. Moved by Mr. Henry:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all studies and reports prepared by the Department of Education with respect to any correlation between the level of local education funding and student achievement on standardized tests.

M210 Moved by Mr. Sekulic:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all meetings held between the Children's Advocate and the Minister of Family and Social Services for the period July 1, 1993 to September 27, 1993.

The following Motion for Return was moved and agreed to as amended:

M190. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the 1992-93 audited financial statements of the following Crown entities: 473654 Ltd, 475342 Alberta Ltd., 496072 Alberta Ltd., NFI Finance, Inc. (Cellular Systems Management Inc.), Cellular Finance Inc., Systems Finance Inc., and NovAtel Finance Inc.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

Copies of the 1992-93 audited financial statements of the following Crown entities or combinations or consolidations: 473654 Ltd, 475342 Alberta Ltd., 496072 Alberta Ltd., NFI Finance, Inc. (Cellular Systems Management Inc.), Cellular Finance Inc., Systems Finance Inc., and NovAtel Finance Inc.

The following Motions for Returns were defeated:

M176. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements between NovAtel Finance and various U.S. cellular companies pertaining to the collection of backout fees by NovAtel Communications Ltd.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Abdurahman	Hanson	Soetaert
Bracko	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Hewes	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Kirkland	Vasseur
Chadi	Massey	White
Collingwood	Percy	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sekulic	

Against the motion: 47

Ady	Fritz	Oberg
Amery	Gordon	Paszkowski
Black	Haley	Pham
Brassard	Havelock	Renner
Burgener	Herard	Rostad
Calahasen	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Hlady	Smith
Clegg	Jonson	Sohal
Coutts	Kowalski	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	Trynchy
Fischer	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Friedel	Mirosh	

M180. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any documents and reports pertaining to the study of aboriginal water interests undertaken by the 1991-92 Water Resources Commission, as

referred to on page 15 of the 1991-92 Water Resources Commission Annual Report.

M183. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by or on behalf of the Government since January 1, 1993, with respect to negotiations to remove federal/provincial overlap and duplication, reduce interprovincial trade barriers and overhaul federal/provincial fiscal arrangements.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Abdurahman	Henry	Soetaert
Bracko	Hewes	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Leibovici	Vasseur
Chadi	Massey	White
Collingwood	Percy	Yankowsky
Dickson	Sekulic	Zwozdesky
Hanson		

Against the motion: 48

Ady	Friedel	Mirosh
Amery	Fritz	Oberg
Black	Gordon	Paszkowski
Brassard	Haley	Pham
Burgener	Havelock	Renner
Calahasen	Herard	Rostad
Cardinal	Hierath	Severtson
Clegg	Hlady	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Sohal
Day	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	Trynchy
Fischer	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn

M189. Moved by Dr. Percy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all supporting and background documents produced by the Government for use by the Alberta Financial Review Commission in the course of their review of the Province's financial position as of August 31, 1993.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 21

Abdurahman	Henry	Soetaert
Bracko	Hewes	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dickson	Percy	Yankowsky
Hanson	Sekulic	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 47

Ady	Friedel	Oberg
Amery	Fritz	Paszkowski
Black	Gordon	Pham
Brassard	Haley	Renner
Burgener	Havelock	Rostad
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Clegg	Hlady	Sohal
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Kowalski	Tannas
Dinning	Laing	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Mar	Trynchy
Evans	McClellan	West
Fischer	McFarland	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Mirosh	

M198. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by, or on behalf of, the Government since January 1, 1993, pertaining to the transfer of corporate tax

administration and collection from the Government to the Federal Government.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M170, M172, M184, M185, M186, M187, M196, M197, M203, M205, M209, M211, M212, M213, M214.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 205 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act – Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

During debate, Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, filed the following:

Statement from A.R. Grover, Chairman of the Alberta Planning Board
Sessional Paper 829/93

Debate continued.

Mr. Clegg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1993 – 8:00 p.m.

Committee of Supply

(Day 15 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$	56,640,000	Operating Expenditure
	<u>765,000</u>	Capital Investment
	57,405,000	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, October 7, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 7, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 265 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 1) – Ms Hanson
- Bill 266 Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Soetaert
- Bill 267 Telemarketing Act – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 268 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Henry
- Bill 269 Environmental Ombudsman Act – Mr. Langevin
- Bill 272 Uniform Building Standards Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Collingwood

Unanimous consent was granted to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Question and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, October 13, 1993:

Written Question: Q208.

Motions for Returns: M170, M172, M184, M185, M186, M187, M196, M197, M203, M205, M213.

Members' Statements

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding student access to post-secondary institutions and increases in tuition fees.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement regarding health services in the Fort Chipewyan region.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding maintenance enforcement.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of October 13 to 14, 1993:

Wednesday, October 13, 1993 Eve. - **Committee of Supply**
Justice and Attorney General

Thursday, October 14, 1993 Aft. - **Royal Assent**
- Bill 5, Financial Administration
Amendment Act
Bill 7, Alberta Energy Company
Act Repeal Act
- **Committee of Supply**
Public Works, Supply and Services
- Designated

Statement by the Speaker

On September 1, 1993, the Member for Edmonton-Centre rose on a point of order.

The events giving rise to the point of order were that a Member who is the Chairman of a Standing Policy Committee had previously answered a question asked by another honourable Member. The point made by the Member for Edmonton-Centre was that if the Members who chair the Standing Policy Committees were to take the responsibility for answering on behalf of Government, they should not be allowed to ask questions in Question Period. The authority the Member cited was Beauchesne, para. 413, which states:

"Those such as parliamentary secretaries who are clothed with the responsibility of answering for the Government ought not to use the time of Question Period for the privilege of asking questions of the Government."

The first task is to grasp the nature of these Committees and the Members who chair them. First, these Committees are not committees of this Assembly. Second, these Committees are not created by statute. Third, on October 5, 1993, the Government House Leader advised the Assembly that:

"These Committees ask for and receive input from the general public, and their purpose is to receive advice for the formation of policy. They are not in a final position to determine Government policy.

None of the Chairmen of the Committees has taken the Executive Council oath of office and none has been asked to take the executive office code."

Finally, neither the Committees nor their Chairmen are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

Given this information, two questions then arise in dealing with this point of order.

First, are the Members who Chair the Standing Policy Committees "like" parliamentary secretaries?

The *Precis of Procedure of the House of Commons*, 4th edition, at page 174, defines "parliamentary secretary" as:

"A Member of the Government party named for a period of one year to assist a Minister as the Minister directs."

The *Parliament of Canada Act*, sections 46 and 47, provides for the appointment of parliamentary secretaries by the Governor in Council. These are specific appointments and there is nothing "like" them. You either are a parliamentary secretary or you are not.

We do not have "parliamentary secretaries" in Alberta and we do not have the legislation which would enable their appointment. The Government House

Leader made this point on Tuesday. The Chairmen of these Committees therefore cannot be said to be "like" parliamentary secretaries.

Second, are the Members who chair the Standing Policy Committees "clothed with responsibility of answering for the Government"?

Given the information provided by the Government House Leader, the answer is "no". Since these individuals are not appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, are not members of Executive Council, and are not in a position to determine Government policy, they cannot be said to be clothed with the responsibility of answering for Government. The key here is the statement of the Government House Leader that these individuals do not have any executive or Cabinet responsibility.

The Chair wishes to go back to basic principles for a moment. Heard, in the book *Canadian Constitutional Conventions*, states at page 50:

"The principle of responsible government figures prominently in the rules relating to the formation and operation of Cabinet since the government must be held continually accountable to the elected representatives in the legislature."

Question Period is a matter of Government accountability, as the learned author points out at page 52 of his book.

Tardi, in *The Legal Framework of Government*, at page 83, states:

"The body which today exercises executive government must also be clearly identified. In legal theory, the executive government encompasses the monarch, the Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet."

Therefore, because the Monarch and the Lieutenant Governor are not present in the Assembly, it is the Premier and Cabinet who are responsible and accountable in Question Period.

Since these Chairmen are not members of Cabinet, they are not directly accountable to the Assembly. They are likely accountable through Executive Council. Therefore, any question put to these Chairmen should be narrow and relate only to the procedural matters and agenda of the Standing Policy Committees. This in turn means that these Chairmen have the same right as any other Member to ask questions in Question Period.

Of course, Members who chair committees of the Assembly and have a responsibility to the Assembly may be asked questions. Erskine May says at page 286:

"... questions are also sometimes addressed to the chairmen of committees directly concerned with the working of the House"

such as the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan.

Finally, the Chair recognizes that, in the past, Members who chair certain statutory bodies, although not members of Executive Council, have been asked questions in Question Period. An example is the Member who chairs the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. Strictly speaking, this is a departure from British parliamentary custom. Erskine May says at page 286:

"... nor may questions be addressed to private members about matters with which they are concerned as members of commissions or authorities outside the House."

The Chair accepts that asking questions of Members who perform executive duties under statute has been the practice of this Assembly. However, the Chair cautions Members that questions to such Members must be very narrow in scope and should not address matters for which Government should be accountable in Question Period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 1993, it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 1993.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply

(Day 16 of Main Estimates Consideration - Designated)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 16, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Wednesday, October 13, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 290 Albertans regarding the reinstatement of cuts made to social assistance.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Thurber, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, General Revenue Fund, 1993-94
Committee of Supply Debate, Responses to Questions Raised in the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta on September 27, 1993
Sessional Paper 628/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, c0-10, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Optometrists, Annual Report 1992
Sessional Paper 80/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-5, s52(5):

Inspection of Animals under the Universities Act, for the fiscal year ending
March 31, 1992
Sessional Paper 15/93

Inspection of Animals under the Universities Act, for the fiscal year ending
March 31, 1993
Sessional Paper 15A/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Provincial General Hospitals Act, cF-9, s2(6):

Children's Health Centre of Northern Alberta Financial Statements, March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 74E/93

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Seniors' Consultation on Fiscal Change, Report to the Minister, Red Deer College, September 18-19, 1993

Sessional Paper 629/93

Library Grants Review Task Force, Report to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, September 30, 1993

Sessional Paper 630/93

Letter, dated October 13, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Pana, Chairman, Library Grants Review Task Force, regarding a response to the Library Grants Review Task Force

Sessional Paper 631/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister responsible for Science and Technology, announced that October 15 to 24, 1993, is Science and Technology Week.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, filed the following:

Copy of a page entitled, Edmonton Region District Office Expenditure Reduction/Impacts

Sessional Paper 830/93

Page 9, Education Roundtable Workbook, Fall 1993

Sessional Paper 831/93

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, filed the following:

Alberta Health - Three Year Business Plan, Overview

Sessional Paper 832/93

Statement by the Speaker

On Thursday last, the Member for Edmonton-Mayfield rose on a point of order. The events giving rise to the point of order were that a Minister was asked a question and in part of his reply he referred to statements made in the past by a Member or Members of the Opposition.

The Member's point was that the use of previous statements by Opposition Members was both irrelevant to the question and tended to provoke debate contrary to Standing Order 23(b) and Beauchesne paragraph 408(2).

There were a number of points of order raised that day, all pertaining to the demeanour of Question Period. The Chair wants to remind Honourable Members, all Honourable Members, of some facts concerning Question Period.

First, Question Period is intended to provide an opportunity for Members to obtain information from Government.

Second, as the Chair stated last week, any Member who is not a member of Executive Council is a private Member and entitled to avail him or herself of Question Period. Question Period is not the exclusive domain of the Opposition. The Members of the Opposition may not like the questions asked by the private Members who support the Government. That does not matter. Obviously, supporters of the Government will ask questions from a different perspective than opponents of the Government. As long as a question falls within the scope of Question Period, a private Member is entitled to ask it.

Third, as to the perceived relevancy or sufficiency of answers, several factors come into play. Unlike other proceedings in the Assembly, the Chair has no prior knowledge of what will be asked in Question Period or of what the answers will be. That being the case, it is primarily up to the Members asking questions and the Ministers answering them to ensure that the questions and answers adhere to the rules, including the rule of relevancy. Similarly, answers given to questions are, by definition, usually spontaneous. This fact, coupled with the principle that a Minister does not have to answer a question means that Ministers have considerable leeway in their answers.

In the same way, the Chair feels it has only limited opportunities to intervene with respect to answers. Even a cursory glance at Beauchesne will show that the rules regarding questions (Beauchesne 407 to 412) are more extensive than those regarding answers (Beauchesne 416 to 420), but that fact results largely from the principle that Ministers do not have to answer questions. In the case of this Assembly, we have the further rule that a Member is allowed a short preamble, a main question, then 2 supplementary questions which flow from the main question and to which there is no preamble. The initiative is taken by the person asking the question. Therefore the person asking the question has the initial responsibility for the tone of the exchange. An inflammatory question will probably get an inflammatory reply.

This brings us back to the point of order raised by the Member for Edmonton-Mayfield. The Chair notes that earlier in Question Period the Member for Edmonton-McClung asked the Premier about statements he had made several weeks earlier (see Hansard, October 7, 1993, page 764). It seems to the Chair that it is just as legitimate for questions to be asked about previous statements as it is for answers to be given in terms of previous statements.

To conclude, Question Period should belong to the Members. The Chair does not believe that the Speaker should spend more time on his feet than Members do on theirs. However, the Chair feels that it is being asked by some Members to intervene more often. Certainly 5, and I reiterate 5, points of order arising from one Question Period would suggest that some Members wish to make the Chair an active participant in Question Period. The Chair continues to resist this notion and warns Members that they might find it counter-productive if the Chair was forced to become more involved more frequently.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was rejected:

Q208. (Mr. Kirkland):

What are the Department of Transportation and Utilities' paving priorities for secondary highways, Divisions 6 and 7, of the County of Camrose and for secondary highways in the County of Leduc between August 31, 1993 and January 1, 1998?

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was agreed to:

M213. Moved by Mr. Beniuk:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the latest actuarial valuation report prepared by or for the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) containing the assumptions which resulted in a reduction in the accumulated deficit of the WCB.

The following Motions for Returns were moved and agreed to as amended:

M196. Moved by Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The list of all alternative measures programs and victim offender reconciliation programs operated by either a department of the

Government or a non-profit agency with support from a Government department which have been subject to elimination or reduction of funding from January 1, 1993 to August 31, 1993.

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

The list of all alternative measures programs operated by either a department of the Government or a non-profit agency with support from a Government department which have been subject to elimination or reduction of funding from January 1, 1993 to August 31, 1993.

M205. Moved by Mr. Langevin on behalf of Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

With respect to the campground development situated on the south shore of Burnstick Lake, identified as Miscellaneous Lease Application No. MLL 910167, E1/2 2-35-7 W5M, for which the Letter of Intent-Stage III, under the Commercial Tourism and Recreations Leasing Process, was issued on June 16, 1992:

- (1) the business plan and proposed funding for the campground development; and
- (2) memoranda by any of the approving government agencies recommending this site for campground development.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

With respect to the campground development situated on the south shore of Burnstick Lake, identified as Miscellaneous Lease Application No. MLL 910167, E1/2 2-35-7 W5M, for which the Letter of Intent-Stage III, under the Commercial Tourism and Recreations Leasing Process, was issued on June 16, 1992:

- (1) the consolidated Government response to the applicant at the conclusion of State I and Stage II of the Commercial Tourism and Recreations Leasing Process; and
- (2) any permits or licences submitted by the applicant to date in response to requirements stated in the letter of intent.

The following Motions for Returns were defeated:

M170. Moved Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of the technology agreements between the Government, Magnesium Company of Canada, Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd. and Alberta Natural Gas Company respecting the ownership and use of the

technology for the Magnesium Company of Canada facility in High River, Alberta.

M172. Moved Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all audited financial statements for Golden Gate Fresh Foods Inc. from January 1, 1989, to December 31, 1991, inclusive.

M184. Moved Mr. Dalla-Longa:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared for, or on behalf of, the Department of Energy since October 1992, evaluating the costs/benefits of instituting a permanent royalty holiday for crude oil development wells.

M185. Moved by Mr. Dalla-Longa:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any internal studies conducted by or on behalf of the Government since January 1, 1992, relative to the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit's (ARTC), impact on job creation and increasing drilling activity and the feasibility of its retention.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hanson	Nicol
Beniuk	Henry	Percy
Bracko	Hewes	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor ^(Redwater)
Chadi	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Dalla-Longa	Leibovici	Vasseur
Decore	Massey	White
Dickson	Mitchell	Zwozdesky
Germain		

Against the motion: 44

Ady	Coutts	Evans
Burgener	Day	Fischer
Calahasen	Dinning	Forsyth
Cardinal	Doerksen	Friedel
Clegg	Dunford	Fritz

Gordon	Magnus	Severtson
Haley	Mar	Smith
Havelock	McClellan	Sohal
Herard	McFarland	Stelmach
Hierath	Mirosh	Tannas
Hlady	Oberg	Thurber
Jacques	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Jonson	Pham	West
Kowalski	Renner	Woloshyn
Laing	Rostad	

M186. Moved by Mr. Dalla-Longa:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the agreements signed between the Government, 540540 Alberta Ltd. and Husky Oil pertaining to the \$30 million interest free loan advanced to cover the operational shortfalls for the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Beniuk	Henry	Percy
Bracko	Hewes	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Chadi	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Dalla-Longa	Leibovici	Vasseur
Decore	Massey	White
Dickson	Mitchell	Zwozdesky
Hanson	Nicol	

Against the motion: 41

Ady	Fischer	Jacques
Burgener	Forsyth	Jonson
Calahasen	Friedel	Kowalski
Cardinal	Fritz	Laing
Clegg	Gordon	Magnus
Coutts	Haley	Mar
Day	Havelock	McClellan
Doerksen	Herard	McFarland
Dunford	Hierath	Oberg
Evans	Hlady	Paszkowski

Pham	Smith	Thurber
Renner	Sohal	Trynchy
Rostad	Stelmach	Woloshyn
Severtson	Tannas	

M187. Moved by Mr. Dalla-Longa:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the agreement pertaining to the maximum \$80 million in royalty assistance to be provided by the Government to Suncor Inc. to facilitate expansion of its oil sands operations over the next five years.

M197. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All working papers, studies and analysis being reviewed by the joint federal-provincial task force examining the issue of child and spousal support to August 31, 1993.

M203. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the contract between Brooks Diagnostics Ltd., Alberta Special Crops and Horticultural Research Centre in Brooks with respect to the company's use of premises and facilities at the Centre, including any agreements or documents pertaining to the rent paid, the use of the Government courier service and use of RITE lines.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M209, M211, M212, M214.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 205 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act – Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 206 Auditor General Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy

A debate followed.

Mr. Chadi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 17 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 p.m. until Thursday, October 14, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 14, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reinstate the cuts made to social assistance and in the future to consult broadly with clients, labour and professionals to determine where savings can be made that will not harm Alberta families.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly abhors the senseless violence that claimed the life of Constable Richard Sonnenberg of the City of Calgary Police Department and extends to the family of Constable Sonnenberg this Assembly's sincere regrets and condolences; and further, that this Assembly again urge the Federal Government to immediately proceed with an intensive review of the Young Offenders Act and to make necessary changes for the protection of law-abiding citizens.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 10 Alberta Registries Act – Hon. Dr. West

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Government of Alberta News Release, Alberta Government to Sell Five Percent Syncrude Interest, October 14, 1993

Sessional Paper 833/93

Agreement in Principle Concerning the Purchase and Sale of an Undivided Five Percent Participating Interest in the Syncrude Project, Non-Binding Draft, October 8, 1993

Sessional Paper 834/93

Government of Alberta advertisement, Alberta Tax Reform Commission Public Consultation

Sessional Paper 835/93

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. 164 asked by Mr. Henry on September 22, 1993:

Copies of public documents or final studies of a strategic plan for brain injury initiative prepared by the Department of Health as of August 31, 1993.

Sessional Paper 164/93

Members' Statements

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Merck Frosst Canada Inc. and the establishment of the Minerva Institute.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding the impact of the threatened closure of the Edmonton International Airport.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Licensed Practical Nurses and the delivery of community based health services.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of October 18 to 21, 1993:

Monday, October 18, 1993

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 8, School Amendment Act, 1993

Bill 9, Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993

Second Reading

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**Agriculture, Food and Rural
Development

Tuesday, October 19, 1993 (4:30 p.m.)

- **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Labour

Wednesday, October 20, 1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Education

Thursday, October 21, 1993

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**

Executive Council

Federal and Intergovernmental
Affairs

Treasury

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly abhors the senseless violence that claimed the life of Constable Richard Sonnenberg of the City of Calgary Police Department and extends to the family of Constable Sonnenberg this Assembly's sincere regrets and condolences; and further, that this Assembly again urge the Federal Government to immediately proceed with an intensive review of the Young Offenders Act and to make necessary changes for the protection of law-abiding citizens.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993
- 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Committee of Supply

(Day 18 of Main Estimates Consideration - Designated)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$ 422,368,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>41,982,000</u>	Capital Investment
464,350,000	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until Monday, October 18, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 18, 1993

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

ROUTINE**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Renner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Bills be proceeded with:

Pr1 Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act

- Pr7 Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act
- Pr8 Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act
- Pr9 Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act
- Pr10 King's College Amendment Act, 1993
- Pr12 First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993
- Pr13 Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993
- Pr14 Benaning Osi Adoption Act

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Bill be proceeded with with some amendments:

- Pr11 Newman Theological College Continuance Act

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly to these recommendations.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognize and celebrate Person's Day. This day marks the 64th anniversary of the Privy Council ruling that legally recognized women as persons.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s36(1):

Appendix A, General Election 1993, Candidates Who Failed To File Financial Statements On Or Before October 15, 1993

Sessional Paper 5/93

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Page 6, Education Roundtable Workbook, Fall 1993

Sessional Paper 836/93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognize and celebrate Person's Day. This day marks the 64th anniversary of the Privy Council ruling that legally recognized women as persons.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

that section 21 be amended by deleting 208.1(c) and by adding the following after 208.5(b):

(c) all employees of a board which is dissolved shall become employees of the board of the regional division.

A debate followed.

The question being called, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Abdurahman	Hewes	Soetaert
Beniuk	Kirkland	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Bracko	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Massey	Vasseur
Collingwood	Nicol	White
Decore	Percy	Yankowsky
Henry	Sekulic	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 44

Ady	Fritz	McFarland
Amery	Gordon	Mirosh
Black	Haley	Oberg
Brassard	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hierath	Rostad
Cardinal	Hlady	Severtson
Coutts	Jacques	Smith
Day	Jonson	Sohal
Doerksen	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dunford	Laing	Tannas
Evans	Lund	Thurber
Fischer	Magnus	Trynchy
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	

And after some further time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) – Defeated
Sessional Paper 632/93

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for West Yellowhead) – Defeated (on
division)

Sessional Paper 633/93

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:27 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, October 18, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 19 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$	393,708,191	Operating Expenditure
	<u>1,536,249</u>	Capital Investment
	395,244,440	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday, October 19, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mr. Renner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, gave oral notice of his intention to seek the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the following motion immediately upon the calling of Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(a) in order to now give consideration to Second Reading of the Private Bills which were reported by the Private Bills Committee yesterday, namely, Pr1, Pr7, Pr8, Pr9, Pr10, Pr11, Pr12, Pr13 and Pr14.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice that the Motions for Returns appearing on today's Order Paper would be ordered to stand and retain their place.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M179 asked for by Mr. Kirkland on September 15, 1993:

Any and all reports/studies or departmental plans outlining a provincial aviation strategy, as of August 31, 1993.

Sessional Paper 179/93

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Letter from Rachel Gour documenting her experiences in hospital August 13 to 17, 1993

Sessional Paper 837/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the Crowfoot Recreation Centre Project.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the finalization of the Lethbridge Hospitals' Agreement.

Mrs. Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the role of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Renner, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(a) in order to now give consideration to Second Reading of the Private Bills which were reported by the Private Bills Committee yesterday, namely, Pr1, Pr7, Pr8, Pr9, Pr10, Pr11, Pr12, Pr13 and Pr14.

Private Bills

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill Pr1 Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr7 Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr8 Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act – Mr. Van Binsbergen
- Bill Pr9 Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act – Mr. Tannas
- Bill Pr10 King's College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr11 Newman Theological College Continuance Act – Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill Pr12 First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hlady

Bill Pr13 Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

Bill Pr14 Benaning Osi Adoption Act – Ms Leibovici

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Mr. Havelock, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 209, Entrepreneurial Education Commission Act, from the Order Paper.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 206 Auditor General Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

205. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its commitment to funding for the "human services" departments of Health, Family and Social Services and Education by developing a comprehensive, long-term plan for funding priorities in these departments, including three-year funding frameworks for organizations involved in these sectors, extensive consultation with affected parties and a public process for informing Albertans what the Government's plans and priorities will be.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

206. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement an economic strategy which is aimed at improving the situation of all small businesses in Alberta, including the elimination of all loans and loan guarantees to private businesses.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), the debate was adjourned, Mr. Doerksen speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion, moved by Dr. L. Taylor on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 Alberta Registries Act – Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Mr. Chadi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:28 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 20 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Labour		
\$	39,777,570	Operating Expenditure
	<u>522,430</u>	Capital Investment
	40,300,000	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Wednesday, October 20, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister without Portfolio:

Letter, dated October 20, 1993, from Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister without Portfolio, to Mr. Clark, Ethics Commissioner, requesting an investigation

into the alleged conflict of interest regarding the recent purchase of shares in Syncrude Canada Ltd. by Murphy Oil

Sessional Paper 838/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M209, M211, M212, M214.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 206 Auditor General Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. Percy

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Abdurahman	Henry	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Soetaert
Decore	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dickson	Massey	White
Germain	Nicol	Yankowsky
Hanson	Percy	

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Coutts	Fischer
Black	Day	Forsyth
Brassard	Dinning	Friedel
Burgener	Doerksen	Fritz
Cardinal	Dunford	Gordon
Clegg	Evans	Haley

Havelock	Mar	Smith
Herard	McClellan	Sohal
Hierath	McFarland	Stelmach
Hlady	Mirosh	Tannas
Jonson	Oberg	Thurber
Kowalski	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Laing	Pham	West
Lund	Renner	Woloshyn
Magnus	Severtson	

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 207 Children's Rights Act – Mrs. Hewes

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Abdurahman	Henry	Percy
Bracko	Hewes	Sapers
Decore	Kirkland	Sekulic
Dickson	Leibovici	Soetaert
Germain	Nicol	White
Hanson		

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Friedel	Mirosh
Black	Fritz	Oberg
Brassard	Gordon	Paszkowski
Bruseker	Haley	Pham
Burgener	Havelock	Renner
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Cardinal	Hierath	Smith
Clegg	Hlady	Sohal
Coutts	Kowalski	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Thurber
Dinning	Lund	Trynchy
Doerksen	Magnus	West
Dunford	Mar	Woloshyn
Evans	McClellan	Yankowski
Forsyth	McFarland	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:29 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 21 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Education

\$ 1,697,142,500	Operating Expenditure
<u> 857,500</u>	Capital Investment
1,698,000,000	

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies of a document filed by the Minister of Education on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

Alberta Education - Main Estimates 1993-94, Thursday, September 23, 1993, Response to M.L.A. Questions

Sessional Paper 839/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m. until Thursday, October 21, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of the following Government Motion:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Government Motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6)(a), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1993-94 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Mirosh

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News Release, dated October 21, 1993, from the Alberta Teachers' Association, "Alberta Teachers Fight Threat to Public Education"

Sessional Paper 840/93

Poster, Alberta Teachers' Association, "Don't Cut My Future"

Sessional Paper 841/93

A Public Roundtable Workbook 1993, Alberta Teachers' Association,
"Challenging the View"

Sessional Paper 842/93

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Poster sponsored by Albertans United for Social Justice, Unite for Health
Care Coalition and Alberta Federation of Labour, "Rally for Jobs, Justice
and Equality"

Sessional Paper 843/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood
Park, filed the following:

Canada-U.S.A. Agreement on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous
Waste, October 28, 1986

Sessional Paper 844/93

Members' Statements

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the
Alberta Multiculturalism Commission's Review '93, a public consultation process.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, made a statement regarding
the economic fears of his constituents.

Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the
Alberta Rural Gas Cooperatives.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House
Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be
brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected
Government Business for the week of October 25 to 28, 1993:

Monday, October 25, 1993

Aft. - **Private Bills**

- **Committee of the Whole**

Bills Pr1, Pr7, Pr8, Pr9, Pr10,
Pr11, Pr12, Pr13 and Pr14

- **Committee of Supply**

- Municipal Affairs

- **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

Bill 11, Alberta Corporate Tax
Amendment Act, 1993- **5:30 p.m.**Adjourn until Tuesday,
October 26, 1993 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 1993 (4:30 p.m.)

- **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

Bill 11, Alberta Corporate Tax
Amendment Act, 1993

or

Bill 12, Liquor Control
Amendment Act, 1993Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Energy

Wednesday, October 27, 1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**Alberta Heritage Savings Trust
Fund, Capital Projects Division**Government Bills and Orders**

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

Bill 11, Alberta Corporate Tax
Amendment Act, 1993

or

Bill 12, Liquor Control
Amendment Act, 1993

Thursday, October 28, 1993

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**Justice and Attorney General -
Designated

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply

(Day 22 of Main Estimates Consideration – Designated)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$	147,385,541	Operating Expenditure
	<u>314,000</u>	Capital Investment
	147,699,541	

Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

\$	6,454,000	Operating Expenditure
	<u>100,000</u>	Capital Expenditure
	6,554,000	

Treasury

\$	111,501,800	Operating Expenditure
	<u>922,700</u>	Capital Investment
	112,424,500	

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Monday, October 25, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 25, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Toronto Blue Jays on winning the World Series in baseball on Saturday, October 23, 1993.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Special Waste Management Corporation Act, cS-21.5, s14(1):

Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Annual Report 1993
Sessional Paper 61/93

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Land Surveyors' Act, cL-4.1, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of the Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, 1993
Sessional Paper 59/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, filed the following:

Letter, dated October 7, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development; letter, dated October 21, 1993, from Lynne Duncan, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Career

Development; and an unsigned letter, dated October 21, 1993, from Pat Wocknitz, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, to Hon. Mr. Ady, regarding a voluntary wage roll-back in post-secondary education
Sessional Paper 845/93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Toronto Blue Jays on winning the World Series in baseball on Saturday, October 23, 1993.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1993-94 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6)(a), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1993-94 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill Pr1 Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr7 Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr8 Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act – Mr. Van Binsbergen
- Bill Pr9 Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act – Mr. Tannas
- Bill Pr10 King's College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr12 First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hlady
- Bill Pr13 Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard
- Bill Pr14 Benaning Osi Adoption Act – Ms Leibovici

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill Pr11 Newman Theological College Continuance Act – Mr. Woloshyn

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill Pr11 (Hon. Member for Stony Plain) – Agreed to
Sessional Paper 634/93

Committee of Supply

(Day 23 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

\$ 549,273,300	Operating Expenditure
2,726,600	Capital Investment
<u>104,200,000</u>	Non-Budgetary Disbursement
656,199,900	

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies of a document tabled by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

Committee of Supply Questions, 1993-94 Estimates, September 30, 1993
Sessional Paper 635/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 Alberta Registries Act – Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Ms Burgener moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Tuesday, October 26, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from a group of constituents regarding cuts for school supplies and bus passes.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the achievement of the October 25, 1993, Federal General Election by sending congratulations to every successful Alberta candidate as well as sending congratulations to each of the leaders of the two parties which elected members in Alberta: Preston Manning and Jean Chretien. Further, that these messages of congratulations should convey the expectations of this Legislative Assembly that the newly-elected Members of Parliament will keep in mind the best interests of Albertans and all Canadians when fulfilling their duties in the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, October 27, 1993:

Motions for Returns: M209, M211, M212, M214.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1992-93, including the report of the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Sessional Paper 103/93

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul:

Letter, dated January 31, 1991, from Norm Denney, President, Alberta Forest Products Association, to Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, former Minister of Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, regarding Government commitments made on timber allocations

Sessional Paper 846/93

Request for Proposals, High Prairie Timber Supply, August 17, 1993

Sessional Paper 847/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Chadi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Roper, made a statement regarding the privatization of liquor stores.

Dr. Sohal, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding deficit spending.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding funding to the hospital in Grande Cache.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the achievement of the October 25, 1993, Federal General Election by sending congratulations to every successful Alberta candidate as well as sending congratulations to each of the leaders of the two parties which elected members in Alberta: Preston Manning and Jean Chretien. Further, that these messages of congratulations should convey the expectations of this Legislative Assembly that the newly-elected Members of Parliament will keep in mind the best interests of Albertans and all Canadians when fulfilling their duties in the House of Commons.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

Mr. Mitchell moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 24 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Energy

\$	73,976,157	Operating Expenditure
	<u>1,152,342</u>	Capital Investment
	75,128,499	

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies of a document tabled by the Minister of Energy on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

Response to questions raised during Committee of Supply, September 28, 1993

Sessional Paper 636/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 09:37 p.m. until Wednesday, October 27, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 1,886 Albertans opposed to the round-up, auction or slaughter of wild horses in Alberta.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 2,218 Albertans opposed to the round-up, auction or slaughter of wild horses in the National Wildlife Area on CFB Suffield.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 258 Tobacco Control Act – Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Answer to Written Question Q145 asked by Mr. Langevin on September 15, 1993:

For the period April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992, what was the total amount in Court fines imposed on those found guilty of poaching?

Sessional Paper 145/93

Answer to Written Question Q146 asked by Mr. Langevin on September 22, 1993:

For the Government and commercial operators, respectively, working on Crown land in Alberta:

- (1) what was the total acreage logged between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1992?
- (2) what acreage was planted, seeded or prepared for regeneration between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1992?
- (3) what was the acreage awaiting treatment at April 30, 1992?
- (4) what was the acreage that had been logged prior to April 30, 1989, that had not been planted, seeded or treated by April 30, 1992?

Sessional Paper 146/93

Answer to Written Question Q147 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 15, 1993:

How many prosecutions were brought before the Courts for infringements of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 1992, and how much revenue was collected for the Province from fines under those prosecutions?

Sessional Paper 147/93

Answer to Written Question Q148 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 15, 1993:

What was the total cost of stocking lakes in Alberta with trout, walleye and yellow perch during the period April 1, 1991, to March 31, 1992, and what was the proportion of this amount that was spent on restocking lakes north of Edmonton?

Sessional Paper 148/93

Answer to Written Question Q149 asked by Mr. Collingwood on October 6, 1993:

What is the formula used by the Government and the Tire Recycling Management Board to determine the appropriate amount to pay Inland Cement Ltd. from the Tire Recycling Fund towards the cost of

marshalling, transporting, sorting, storing and handling tires for its facility in Edmonton?

Sessional Paper 149/93

Answer to Written Question Q150 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 15, 1993:

How many plants were issued licences under the Clean Air Act in each of the years from April 1, 1989, until March 31, 1993; how many of these were monitored by on-site inspections and how many of these inspections were unannounced?

Sessional Paper 150/93

Answer to Written Question Q151 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 15, 1993:

With respect to the landfill cells at the waste facility near Swan Hills that is operated by Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and Bovar Environmental Services Inc., what volume of leachate has leaked from each of the landfill cells, from commencement of operation until March 31, 1993; what is the chemical composition of this leachate; and what is the cost of repairing or replacing cells x-1, d-1 and d-2, and rehabilitating cell c-1, and how much of this cost is covered by insurance with respect to each cell?

Sessional Paper 151/93

Answer to Written Question Q152 asked by Mr. Langevin on October 6, 1993:

What was the total acreage of timber in the Province harvested between May 1, 1991, and April 30, 1992, by forest management agreement holders, industry quota holders, Government quota holders and Government non-quota holders?

Sessional Paper 152/93

Answer to Written Question Q153 asked by Mr. Collingwood on October 6, 1993:

How much have each of the Departments of Environmental Protection and Economic Development and Trade spent on the Action on Waste program from inception until March 31, 1993; how many projects have been set up; by what percentage has waste in the Province been reduced by this program; and by what percentage has waste been diverted from landfills to recycling, as a result of this program?

Sessional Paper 153/93

Answer to Written Question Q154 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 15, 1993:

For the period April 1, 1991, to March 31, 1992, and from April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993, what were the remedial works carried out and how much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend:

- (1) as the Provincial share of cleaning up each of the sites in Alberta designated under the National Contaminated Sites Remediation Program; and
- (2) on cleaning up each of the other orphaned sites identified in the Help End Landfill Pollution inventory.

Sessional Paper 154/93

Answer to Written Question Q201 asked by Mr. Collingwood on September 22, 1993:

What is the formula used by the Government to determine how many hunting licences can be issued each year for each wildlife species?

Sessional Paper 201/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M165 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on September 22, 1993:

The estimated population of feral horses in the Green Area of Alberta on a forest by forest basis.

Sessional Paper 165/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M166 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on September 22, 1993:

Documents compiled between April 1, 1991, and July 31, 1993, indicating the moose population of Alberta.

Sessional Paper 166/93

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Colleges Act, cF-9, s2(6):

Medicine Hat College, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 10F/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

Q215.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to:

M211. Moved by Mr. Kirkland:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any studies or plans prepared by or for the Department of Transportation and Utilities between January 1, 1990 and August 31, 1993 which deal with any changes to the current primary highway signage format.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, filed a Return to Order of the Assembly No. M211 asked for by Mr. Kirkland on October 27, 1993.

Sessional Paper 211/93

M212. Moved by Mr. Bracko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
(1) the number of surplus rental housing units held by the Government at August 31, 1993;
(2) the number of rental units, if any, the Government plans to sell in the year ending December 31, 1993: and
(3) the long term time frame, if any, for the sale of any remaining rental units not sold by December 31, 1993.

Hon. Mr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, filed a Return to Order of the Assembly No. M212 asked for by Mr. Bracko on October 27, 1993.

Sessional Paper 212/93

M214. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any studies pertaining to the Management Strategy for Exposed Bedshore in the North East and North West Regions of Alberta completed since 1990.

The following Motion for Return was defeated:

M209. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A consolidated list of the remaining assets, as of July 31, 1993, held by Municipal Affairs Sales and any private sector firms which have entered into contracts with the Government to dispose of these assets, specifying the asset name or legal description, the book value of each asset and the provision for loss established for each asset.

**Public Bills and Orders
Other Than Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 208 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 3) – Mr. Severtson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 204 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury) – Agreed to
Sessional Paper 637/93

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 210 Individual Property Rights Protection Act – Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

Mr. Coutts moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:26 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Heritage Savings Trust Fund Estimates Consideration, Capital Projects Division)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Thursday, October 28, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 28, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 22,948 Albertans regarding the privatization of the sale of alcohol products.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a

matter of urgent public importance, namely the Government's consultation process on education and the reaction of the students and parents of Alberta to this process.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Fourteen Questions, Student Voice, Bowness High School, October 28, 1993
Sessional Paper 848/93

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letters, dated October 26, 1993, from Pat Wocknitz, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, to John McPhail, Executive Director, Human Resources, Alberta Liquor Control Board and from John McPhail to Pat Wocknitz, regarding notices of termination to part-time Alberta Liquor Control Board employees

Sessional Paper 849/93

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Report of the Ethics Commissioner on his Investigation Into Allegations Involving Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister without Portfolio, October 28, 1993
Sessional Paper 2A/93

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Alberta Government policy on appointments to agencies, boards and commissions.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the graduates of the Adolescent Recovery Centre in Calgary.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding programs to help the underclass join the mainstream of society.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission's magazine, "A Conversation About Substance Abuse," its distribution and sponsorship.

During Members' Statements, Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, tabled the following:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission magazine, "A Conversation About Substance Abuse"

Sessional Paper 638/93

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 1 to 4, 1993:

Monday, November 1, 1993

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 17, Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act,

Bill 18, Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act,

Bill 11, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993,

Bill 12, Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993, and

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act

- **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 17, Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act,

Bill 18, Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act,

Bill 11, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993,

Bill 12, Liquor Control
Amendment Act, 1993,

Bill 10, Alberta Registries Act and

Bill 8, School Amendment Act,
1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust
Fund, Capital Projects Division

Tuesday, November 2, 1993

Aft. - **Private Bills**

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

(4:30 p.m.)

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

(As per Order Paper)

Committee of the Whole

(As per Order Paper)

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Alberta Capital Fund

Wednesday, November 3, 1993

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Alberta Capital Fund (vote to be
called on Alberta Capital Fund
Estimates)

Thursday, November 4, 1993

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**

Lottery Fund (vote to be called on
Lottery Estimates)

Privilege

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, raised a purported point of privilege concerning the denial of access to the public galleries of 4 individuals.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

Statement by the Speaker - Explanation of Ruling

On October 25, 1993, the Chair agreed to pursue a certain matter after a request by the Opposition House Leader. The matter arose in the following way.

During Question Period, the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud put a question to the Provincial Treasurer which was answered by the Government House Leader. The Member for Edmonton-Whitemud then posed a supplementary question which was answered. The Member then asked his second supplemental question, to which there was a reply. After the reply, the Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan rose, as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, and asked if she could supplement the last answer given by the Provincial Treasurer.

The Chair would not allow the Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan to supplement the answer. The Opposition House Leader asked the Chair for an explanation of his ruling pursuant to Standing Order 13(2). The Chair did explain, but said that it would undertake to see if there was any precedent for Chairs of Legislative Assembly committees to supplement answers to questions which were asked of Government.

As the Chair explained at the time, the principle of Question Period is to allow

"A brief question seeking information about an important matter of some urgency which falls within the administrative responsibility of the Government or of the specific Minister to whom it is addressed ... (see Beauchesne paragraph 409)."

Beauchesne states again at paragraph 410(5):

"The primary purpose of the Question Period is the seeking of information and calling the Government to account."

And, finally, Beauchesne states in paragraph 410(10):

"The subject matter of questions must be within the collective responsibility of the Government or the individual responsibilities of Ministers."

This Assembly has, over time, developed its own variations on these principles. Some of these are as follows:

1. Questions may be directly put to Members who chair committees of the Assembly. See for example Hansard of March 26, 1991, and Erskine May at page 286. Such questions would have to relate to the committee as it is "directly concerned with the working of the House", to quote May.
2. Questions may be directly put to the Members who chair the Standing Policy Committees of the Government, but only on procedural matters and agenda of the Standing Policy Committee: see Speaker's Ruling of

October 7, 1993. Such Members may supplement answers given by members of Executive Council, but only, and the Chair emphasizes only, within their narrow range of responsibility.

3. Questions may also be directly put to Members who, by virtue of chairing certain statutory bodies, although not members of Executive Council, perform certain executive duties. Such questions must relate directly to those executive responsibilities. Such Members may also supplement answers given by members of Executive Council, but only, and the Chair again emphasizes only, within their narrow range of responsibility.

The present issue is whether the Chair of a Legislative committee can supplement an answer given by a Member of Government.

The question was put to a member of Executive Council. Information was sought of Government about a matter within the responsibility of Government or of the particular Minister. This is in accordance with the principles set out above. The Chair does not see how the Chair of a committee of the Assembly could add to information offered by the Government with respect to a matter within the responsibility of Government. It is fundamental that the Assembly is not the Government nor is the Government the Assembly. While the two entities sit together in this Chamber, they are quite distinct. Chairs of committees of the Assembly would not be privy, in that capacity, to information possessed by Government relating to governmental responsibilities.

If information is required of a Member who chairs a committee of the Assembly, a question may be put directly to that Member. Members who chair committees of the Assembly cannot supplement information given by Members of the Government. No previous case of such supplementary information being given by a committee Chair has been found.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the Government's consultation process on education and the reaction of the students and parents of Alberta to this process.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply

(Day 25 of Main Estimates Consideration – Designated)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

At 5:15 p.m., pursuant to Standing Orders 58(1) and 59(1) and (3), the Chairman put the question that the Committee approve each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the Main Estimates of the Government and the Legislative Assembly for 1993-94.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the Main Estimates of the Government and Legislative Assembly for 1993-94 have been approved, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to file a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 57(9).

Sessional Paper 852/93

Mr. Speaker, I wish to file copies of documents filed by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

Committee of Supply Questions, 1993-94 Estimates, September 20, 1993

Sessional Paper 850/93

Committee of Supply Questions, 1993-94 Estimates, October 30, 1993

Sessional Paper 851/93

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to table copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Justice and Attorney General Department, Main Estimates (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) – Defeated

Sessional Paper 639/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, November 1, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 1, 1993

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of Mr. Henry Ruste, former Member for Wainwright, who passed away on October 31, 1993.

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 410 Albertans regarding the proposed upgrading of Secondary Highway 824 in the County of Strathcona.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 285 Albertans regarding the proposed upgrading of Secondary Highway 830 in the County of Strathcona.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 291 Albertans regarding the proposed upgrading of Range Road 223 in the County of Strathcona.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,085 Albertans regarding cuts to the Special Needs Program in the education system.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 88 students at Christ The King School regarding cutbacks to education.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

The petition of the undersigned to oppose the round-up, auction and slaughter of the wild horses in the National Wildlife Area on CFB Suffield, humbly urges the Legislative Assembly to ask the Government:

1. That there be a complete moratorium on the proposed round-up, auction and slaughter;
2. that environmental studies be conducted to determine what effect the wild horses are having upon the wildlife and the environment and that should this research show conclusively that the wild horses are having a negative impact, alternative non-lethal measures such as chemical or surgical sterilization should be implemented to decrease the birth rate;
3. that a long-term management plan for the National Wildlife Area should be drawn up that recognizes the rights of wild horses as an integral part of the ecosystem;
4. that legal protection for wild horses be provided throughout Alberta; and further
5. that the ancestors of these wild horses have made an immeasurable contribution to our heritage in faithful service to our explorers, cowboys, settlers and native people. Saving Alberta's wild horses is saving a slice of Alberta's history.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Hon. Mr. Day, Chairman, Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform (1993), presented the Report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform (1993) on Sub Judice Rule and Minority Reports of Committees and Subcommittees.

Sessional Paper 640/93

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Day, Chairman, Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform, gave oral notice of the following Government Motion:

Be it resolved that the report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform appointed September 9, 1993 to review the application of the sub judice rule and the feasibility of minority reports on committees and subcommittees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta by

November 1 and November 15, 1993, respectively be now received and concurred in.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Answer to Written Question Q155 asked by Mr. Sekulic on September 15, 1993:

How many Social Assistance files have been closed between the period January 1, 1993, to August 31, 1993, and how many of the files were closed because the client found full time employment, the client was transferred to a student finance board, or the client did not comply with policy?

Sessional Paper 155/93

Answer to Written Question Q157 asked by Ms Hanson on September 15, 1993:

How many administrators working in the corporate office of the Department of Family and Social Services have direct employment experience working on the front-line service delivery for the Department and what was the period of time spent working on the front-line?

Sessional Paper 157/93

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Response to "Meeting the Challenge," A Report on the Results of the Calgary Roundtables held October 27, 1993, sponsored by Calgary Public Teachers, Calgary Separate School Teachers and the Calgary Council of Home and School Associations

Sessional Paper 853/93

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated October 25, 1993, from Terry Owen, President, Ecole Frère Antoine, Parents Advisory Committee, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, regarding motions passed unanimously by the committee, with the attached signatures of 141 parents

Sessional Paper 854/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, tabled the following:

R.T. Alderman Junior High School Newsletter, No. 2, October 1993, "Principal's Message"

Sessional Paper 641/93

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, filed the following:

Letter, dated October 21, 1993, from Bob King, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Liquor Control Board, to industry stakeholders regarding the new liquor products retail initiative, with an attached second industry update

Sessional Paper 855/93

Privilege

The Speaker made the following ruling:

The Chair wishes to deal with the matter raised last Thursday when the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre rose on a point of privilege. The Hon. Member stated:

The substance of my question of privilege is that earlier this afternoon I met with four individuals in my office, and they asked if they could come and view the proceedings this afternoon. I arranged for passes to be available for them, and when they actually came to be seated in the public gallery, they were refused admission.

He finally said, "I believe that restricts my ability to operate effectively as a Member." The Chair has made inquiries of the security staff through the Sergeant-at-Arms. The security person who was at the desk outside the galleries reports that that Member's office called Visitor Services at approximately 1:30 and asked for seven passes to be made up for certain individuals for entrance to the public gallery. This was done. Five minutes later the Member's office again called Visitor Services and cancelled three of the seven passes. After that, no one came to collect any of the passes.

At the end of Question Period, the passes were torn up. The Chair is in possession of the passes and the names of the individuals who were to be admitted. Security staff at the main doors of the Legislature Building report that the persons who were to receive these passes were not denied entry at the main doors. In fact, four persons who may have been the students were admitted upon the word of the Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan. Passes had also been arranged for these four people through Visitor Services, and the passes were collected and the persons admitted to the gallery. Again the Chair is in possession of the names of all the individuals concerned. The Chair is satisfied that had the guests of the Member for Edmonton-Centre appeared to collect their passes, they would have been admitted to the public gallery. The Chair is also satisfied that these persons were not denied entry. The Chair expresses its appreciation to the security staff for their prompt reporting on this matter.

Therefore the Chair finds that a prima facie case of privilege does not arise.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 11 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques
Bill 17 Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Mirosh
Bill 18 Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mr. Day

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 10 Alberta Registries Act – Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Mr. Germain moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 2 of Heritage Savings Trust Fund Estimates Consideration, Capital Projects Division)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, a sum from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, not exceeding the following for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$	5,000,000	Farming for the Future
	24,500,000	Irrigation Rehabilitation and Expansion
	500,000	Private Irrigation Development Assistance
	<u>3,712,000</u>	Grazing Reserves Enhancement
	33,712,000	

Community Development

\$	14,060,000	Urban Park Development
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Energy

\$	750,000	Renewable Energy Research
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Environmental Protection

\$	26,400,000	Water Management Systems Improvement
	2,500,000	Land Reclamation
	<u>350,000</u>	Pine Ridge Reforestation Nursery Enhancement
	29,250,000	

Executive Council

\$	1,000,000	Alberta Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation
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Health

\$	2,800,000	Applied Cancer Research
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Labour

\$	750,000	Occupational Health and Safety Research and Education
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:23 p.m. until Tuesday, November 2, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 458 Albertans regarding proposed educational funding cutbacks.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 55 Albertans regarding the Early Childhood Services Program.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from Albertans regarding welfare allowances to school age children.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to halt plans for the cuts to the Special Needs Program in our education system.

On request by Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to halt plans for the proposed upgrading of Range Road 223 and to make better use of the money in these times of economic restraint.

On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

To the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, in Legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned to oppose the round-up, auction, or slaughter of all wild horses in Alberta, humbly urges the Legislative Assembly to ask the Government:

1. that there be a complete moratorium on all proposed round-ups, auctions, and slaughter of wild horses;
2. that environmental studies be conducted to determine what effect the wild horses are having upon the wildlife and the environment and that should this research show conclusively that the wild horses are having a negative impact, alternative nonlethal measures such as immunocontraception should be implemented to decrease the birth rate;
3. that a long-term management plan for Alberta's public lands should be drawn up that recognizes the rights of wild horses as an integral part of the ecosystem;
4. that legal protection for wild horses be provided throughout Alberta; and further
5. that the ancestors of these wild horses have made an immeasurable contribution to our heritage in faithful service to our explorers, cowboys, settlers, and native people. Saving Alberta's wild horses is saving a slice of Alberta's history.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed:

Pr5 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993

Pr6 Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed with some amendments:

Pr2 Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993

Pr17 Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Bills not proceed:

Pr3 Mosaic College of Canada Act

Pr15 Alberta Seniors' Legislature Act

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 3, 1993:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: M222.

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, gave oral notice of his intention to seek the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the following motion immediately upon the calling of Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(a) in order to now give consideration to second reading of Private Bills Pr2, Pr5, Pr6 and Pr17.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Financial Implications of Child Support Guidelines, Research Report, Report of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Family Law Committee, May 1992
Sessional Paper 856/93

Child Support, Public Discussion Paper, Report of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Family Law Committee, June 1991
Sessional Paper 857/93

"How Much Does It Cost To Support A Child In Canada?", Technical Report, Federal/Provincial/Territorial Family Law Committee, Spring 1991, Phases I and II
Sessional Paper 858/93

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Racing Commission Act, cR-1, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Commission, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 132/93

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M213 asked for by Mr. Beniuk on October 13, 1993:

Copies of the latest actuarial valuation report prepared by or for the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) containing the assumptions which resulted in a reduction in the accumulated deficit of the WCB.

Sessional Paper 213/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1993
Sessional Paper 90/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1993
Sessional Paper 88/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Society of Certified Management Accountants, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 89/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations:

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, Annual Report 1993
Sessional Paper 859/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 93/93

Mr. Smith, Chair of the Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report
1991-93

Sessional Paper 96/93

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

One hundred letters, dated October 27, 1993, from parents of Our Lady of the Prairies School, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, regarding cutbacks in education

Sessional Paper 860/93

Mr. Chadi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Roper:

Submission from Sine Chadi, MLA, based on discussions with constituents from Edmonton-Roper, September and October, 1993, regarding education and the education roundtable process

Sessional Paper 861/93

Members' Statements

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Highlands, made a statement regarding liquor sales.

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury, made a statement regarding Diabetes Month.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, made a statement regarding library services.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(a) in order to now give consideration to second reading of Private Bills Pr2, Pr5, Pr6 and Pr17.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Private Bills**Second Reading**

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill Pr2 Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr5 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr6 Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill Pr17 Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act – Mr. Jacques

Public Bills and Orders**Other Than Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 210 Individual Property Rights Protection Act – Mr. Pham

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned with Mr. Stelmach speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

206. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement an economic strategy which is aimed at improving the situation of all small businesses in Alberta, including the elimination of all loans and loan guarantees to private businesses.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Beniuk	Henry	Sekulic
Bracko	Hewes	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Zariwny
Decore	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

Against the motion: 46

Ady	Gordon	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Paszkowski
Brassard	Havelock	Pham
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Rostad
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Jonson	Smith
Day	Kowalski	Sohal
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	Trynchy
Forsyth	McFarland	West
Friedel	Mirosh	Woloshyn
Fritz		

208. Moved by Mr. Severtson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider removal of the tuition fee ceiling on foreign students studying in Alberta post-secondary educational institutions, and allow the universities to determine and set such levels.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 Alberta Registries Act – Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Evans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 11 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 17 Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act –
Hon. Mrs. Mirosh

Bill 18 Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:15 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Alberta Capital Fund Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1993-94 Capital Fund Estimates, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:56 p.m. until Wednesday, November 3, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to halt plans for the proposed upgrading of Secondary Highway 824 and to make better use of the money in these times of economic restraint.

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to maintain the current Early Childhood Services Program and continue providing the necessary assistance to children with special needs.

Further, the undersigned also request the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to recognize the vital importance of these programs by amending the School Act to guarantee Early Childhood Services for all children and early intervention and inclusion (integration) with the appropriate support services for all children with special needs.

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government not to pass or adopt any of the proposed education funding cutbacks.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, gave oral notice of his intention to request the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 212, Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 1993, from the Order Paper.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to request the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 213, Employee Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1993, from the Order Paper.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 20 Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Poster, "Your Hurting Our Lives, Not Yours," Misty Brooks
Sessional Paper 862/93

Poster, "Tomorrow's future . . . Is in our hands!", Stacey Shultz
Sessional Paper 863/93

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q215, Q216, Q217, Q218, Q219, Q220, Q221.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was defeated:

M222. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all reports on Access Network prepared by Dennis Anderson, in his capacity as a consultant, between January 1, 1992 and October 25, 1993.

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 212, Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 1993, from the Order Paper.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 213, Employee Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1993, from the Order Paper.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 61

Abdurahman
Ady
Amery

Beniuk
Bracko
Brassard

Bruseker
Burgener
Calahasen

Cardinal	Hewes	Pham
Carlson	Hlady	Renner
Collingwood	Jacques	Sapers
Coutts	Kirkland	Sekulic
Day	Laing	Severtson
Decore	Langevin	Soetaert
Dickson	Leibovici	Sohal
Dinning	Lund	Stelmach
Doerksen	Magnus	Tannas
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Redwater)
Forsyth	Massey	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Friedel	McClellan	Thurber
Fritz	McFarland	Trynchy
Gordon	Mitchell	Van Binsbergen
Haley	Nicol	Yankowsky
Hanson	Oberg	Zariwny
Havelock	Percy	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 2

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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 210 Individual Property Rights Protection Act – Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 211 Conservation Easement Act – Mr. Collingwood

Hon. Mr. Evans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 2 of Alberta Capital Fund Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Alberta Capital Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, a sum from the Alberta Capital Fund, not exceeding the following, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$ 67,860,970 Capital Investment

Environmental Protection

\$ 26,560,000 Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$ 20,818,000 Operating Expenditure

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$ 181,415,000 Capital Investment

Transportation and Utilities

\$ 14,600,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 57(9).

Sessional Paper 643/93

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to table copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Capital Fund Estimates (Hon. Member for Redwater)
– Defeated

Sessional Paper 642/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:39 p.m. until Thursday, November 4, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 104 Albertans regarding the rights to a Catholic education in Alberta.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 400 students and parents of Bertha Kennedy Elementary School regarding cuts to funding for education grants in Alberta.

Dr. Sohal, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 317 Ward 5 residents of Calgary regarding a review of the Local Authorities Elections Act.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Hewes, Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of a purported point of privilege regarding comments made by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during Capital Fund Estimates consideration November 3, 1993.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the appointment of both Anne McLellan and Joyce Fairbairn to the Cabinet of the Federal Government and that the Assembly send its congratulations to the two new Cabinet ministers as well as its expectation that the interests of Alberta will be well served around the Cabinet table in Ottawa.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter, dated November 4, 1993, from the Laperle Parents Advisory Association, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, regarding a review of the workbook entitled "Meeting the Challenge"

Sessional Paper 864/93

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, filed the following:

Letter, dated July 21, 1993, from William Page, Page & Associates - Management Counsel, regarding a Government-wide program for deregulation in day care

Sessional Paper 865/93

Members' Statements

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, made a statement regarding the health care system.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding health care funding.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the use of potable water for oilfield injection purposes.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 8 to 10, 1993:

Monday, November 8, 1993

Aft. - **Government Motions**

Nos. 19 and 21.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 21, Agriculture Financial Services Act

Committee of the Whole

Bill 20, Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993

Bill 21, Agriculture Financial Services Act

Bill 8, School Amendment Act, 1993

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 16, Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993

Bill 15, Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1993

Bill 14, Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Act, 1993

Bill 13, Appropriation Act, 1993

Committee of the Whole

Bill 16, Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993

Second Reading

(As per Order Paper)

Tuesday, November 9, 1993 (4:30 p.m.) **Government Bills and Orders**

(As per Order Paper)

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

(As per Order Paper)

Wednesday, November 10, 1993 (5:30 p.m.) - **Adjournment to Monday, November 15, 1993 or pursuant to Government Motion 21.****Privilege**

Mrs. Hewes, Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, raised a purported point of privilege regarding comments made by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during Capital Fund Estimates consideration November 3, 1993.

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, responded to the purported point of privilege.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, and Dr. Sohal, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, responded to the point of privilege.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Hon. Member for Redwater, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the appointment of both Anne McLellan and Joyce Fairbairn to the Cabinet of the Federal Government and that the Assembly send its congratulations to the two new Cabinet ministers as well as its expectation that the interests of Alberta will be well served around the Cabinet table in Ottawa.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Private Bills****Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill Pr5 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
Bill Pr6 Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act,
1993 – Mr. Bruseker

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill Pr2 Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993 –
Mr. Mitchell
Bill Pr17 Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act – Mr. Jacques

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) –
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 644/93

Amendment to Bill Pr17 (Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti)
– Agreed to

Sessional Paper 645/93

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that this Assembly, pursuant to section 6(4.1) of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, authorizes for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, the making of investments under section 6(1)(c) of the Act in:

- (1) the Alberta Opportunity Company in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 in aggregate;

- (2) the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 in aggregate.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 20 Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Alberta Lottery Fund Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Alberta Lottery Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, a sum from the Alberta Lottery Fund, not exceeding the following for the purposes indicated:

\$ 142,670,000 Lottery Fund Payments

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 57(9).

Sessional Paper 646/93

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Unanimous consent was granted to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

- Bill 13 Appropriation Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill 14 Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill 15 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill 16 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Monday, November 8, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 8, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 103 Leduc Composite High School students regarding reductions in education funding.

Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 192 Albertans regarding funding to the Ukrainian bilingual and other second language programs.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Government Motion:

Be it resolved that

- (1) A Select Special Auditor General Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mr. Ron Hierath, Chairman
Mr. Frank Bruseker
Mr. Victor Doerksen
Mrs. Yvonne Fritz
Mr. Gary Friedel
Dr. Don Massey

for the purposes of inviting applications for the position of Auditor General and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for appointment to that position.

- (2) The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
- (3) 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 Chairman.
- (4) In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or of the staff employed by the Assembly.
- (5) The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
- (6) When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then 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.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Government Motion:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 10, 1993, it shall stand adjourned until Monday, November 15, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly send its congratulations to Carol Anne Dean for her recent election as President of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Reshaping Child Welfare, Alberta Family and Social Services, November 1993
Sessional Paper 866/93

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Petition, Education Cuts Options, Vernon Barford School
Sessional Paper 867/93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly send its congratulations to Carol Anne Dean for her recent election as President of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform appointed September 9, 1993 to review the application of the sub judice rule and the feasibility of minority reports on committees and subcommittees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta by November 1 and November 15, 1993, respectively, be now received and concurred in.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the First Session of the 23rd Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date prior to the announcement of the Second Session of the Legislature, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development) – Agreed to

Sessional Paper 647/93

Amendments to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East)

Sessional Paper 648/93

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 13 Appropriation Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 14 Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 15 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 16 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

- Bill 16 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

- Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

Delete part 2, division 3, Local Opportunity Bonds, including sections 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Bracko	Kirkland	Sekulic
Carlson	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Nicol	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sapers	

Against the amendment: 42

Ady	Forsyth	Mirosh
Amery	Friedel	Oberg
Black	Fritz	Paszkowski
Brassard	Gordon	Pham
Burgener	Haley	Renner
Calahasen	Havelock	Rostad
Cardinal	Herard	Severtson
Coutts	Hlady	Smith
Day	Jacques	Sohal
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	McClellan	West
Fischer	McFarland	Woloshyn

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill	13	Appropriation Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	14	Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	15	Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	16	Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendments to Bill 21 (Lethbridge-East) – Defeated
Sessional Paper 649/93

Amendment to Bill 21 (Lethbridge-East) – Defeated (on division)
Sessional Paper 650/93

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:26 p.m. until Tuesday, November 9, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from some 15,000 Albertans regarding the Early Childhood Services Program.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Vegreville-Viking, presented a petition from 85 Albertans regarding the funding to Ukrainian bilingual and other second language programs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Sohal, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, hereby request the Legislative Assembly to review the Local Authorities Elections Act in its entirety and particularly as it relates to candidate eligibility at the municipal government level.

On request by Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Alberta Legislature to respectfully request the Government that Education funding not be reduced.

On request by Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta not to eliminate funding to the Ukrainian bilingual and other second language programs.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motion for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 10, 1993:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motion for Returns: M223.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Crime Prevention in Liquor Outlets, City of Portland, Oregon, January 1992
Sessional Paper 868/93

Legal Control of Alcohol Availability, Edmonton Police Service, August 2, 1992
Sessional Paper 869/93

States Shift from Public to Private Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, May 1, 1991
Sessional Paper 870/93

Effects of Changing from Public to Private Retail Sales of Distilled Spirits, Summary of the Available Scientific Research and Data, National Union, October 1993
Sessional Paper 871/93

Privatization of Alcoholic Beverages, Alcohol-Drug Education Association of Alberta, September 1993
Sessional Paper 872/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27, s12(2) and s13(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report, 1992-93
Sessional Paper 651/93

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Quarterly Investment Report, 1992-93,
March 31, 1993
Sessional Paper 873/93

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Quarterly Investment Report, 1993-94,
June 30, 1993
Sessional Paper 874/93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M161 asked by Dr. Percy
September 29, 1993:

Breakdown of provision for doubtful accounts and loans, recorded as a budgetary expenditure under the General Revenue Fund, analyzed between accounts receivable, loans and advances, and implemented guarantees, with a further breakdown of loans by borrower, for the fiscal years 1989-90 through 1991-92 inclusive as contained in Schedule 2.16 of the Public Accounts of Alberta.

Sessional Paper 161/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M175 asked by Mr. Bruseker
October 6, 1993:

Copies of the management agreement concluded between the Government and North West Trust in May 1992, pertaining to the management of the NovAtel systems loan portfolio.

Sessional Paper 175/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M188 asked by Mr. Chadi on
October 6, 1993:

Copies of the most recent actuarial valuations carried out on the following pension plans: the Public Service Plan, the Public Service Management Plan, the Local Authorities Plan, the Universities Academic Plan, the Special Forces Plan, the Members of the Legislative Assembly Plan, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and the Provincial Judges and Masters In Chambers Plan.

Sessional Paper 188/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M190 asked by Dr. Percy on
October 6, 1993:

Copies of the 1992-93 audited financial statements of the following Crown entities or combinations or consolidations: 473654 Ltd, 475342 Alberta Ltd.,

496072 Alberta Ltd., NFI Finance, Inc. (Cellular Systems Management Inc.), Cellular Finance Inc., Systems Finance Inc., and NovAtel Finance Inc.

Sessional Paper 190/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M191 asked by Dr. Percy on October 6, 1993:

Details of the \$25 million in valuation adjustments provided for in the Treasury Department's General Revenue Fund estimates for the 1993-94 fiscal year by entity and the provisional adjustment for each entity.

Sessional Paper 191/93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M193 asked by Dr. Percy on October 6, 1993:

Copies of the 1992-93 audited financial statements for 354713 Alberta Ltd. (Softco).

Sessional Paper 193/93

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Health for Tomorrow, A Proposal for Restructuring the Health Care System, Constituencies of Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan and Sherwood Park, October 22, 1993

Sessional Paper 652/93

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

936 letters, dated October 14, 1993, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, regarding the future of education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 875/93

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Analysis of "Meeting the Challenge," 1993 Education Roundtable Workbook, Nicholas Sheron Community School Parents

Sessional Paper 876/93

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Letter, dated November 8, 1993, from Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Hon. Mr. Rock, Minister of Justice, regarding a ban on the sale of the Serial Killer Board Game, with two attached petitions signed by 466 Albertans regarding the ban and the request for stiffer penalties for child murderers and molesters

Sessional Paper 877/93

Members' Statements

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding community schools in Calgary.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Alberta Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding deficit elimination and funding to community schools.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 211 Conservation Easement Act – Mr. Collingwood

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate was adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

208. Moved by Mr. Severtson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider removal of the tuition fee ceiling on foreign students studying in Alberta post-secondary educational institutions, and allow the universities to determine and set such levels.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

210. Moved by Mr. Zariwny:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a system for making Government appointments to post-secondary institutions' Boards of Governors that is based on an open nomination process and in which the final decision is made by an all-party committee of the Legislature. The new appointment process should adopt as a goal cross-representation, so that representatives from different levels of education are included on such Boards.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned with Mr. Beniuk speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 13 Appropriation Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

Amery	Gordon	Mirosh
Black	Haley	Oberg
Brassard	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Pham
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Sohal
Day	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	Trynchy
Fischer	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Friedel		

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Germain	Soetaert
Beniuk	Hanson	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Bruseker	Langevin	White
Carlson	Leibovici	Wickman
Collingwood	Massey	Yankowsky
Dalla-Longa	Nicol	Zariwny
Decore	Percy	Zwozdesky
Dickson		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned (on amendment).

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Bill 11 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 13 Appropriation Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 17 Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Repeal Act –
Hon. Mrs. Mirosh

Bill 18 Industrial Wages Security Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 20 Public Safety Services Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Friedel

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

Be it resolved that

- (1) A Select Special Auditor General Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mr. Ron Hierath, Chairman

Mr. Frank Bruseker

Mr. Victor Doerksen

Mrs. Yvonne Fritz

Mr. Gary Friedel

Dr. Don Massey

for the purposes of inviting applications for the position of Auditor General and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for appointment to that position.

- (2) The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
- (3) 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 Chairman.
- (4) In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or of the staff employed by the Assembly.
- (5) The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
- (6) When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then 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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 11:45 p.m., the Speaker put the question on all Appropriation Bills on the Order Paper under Third Reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Appropriation (Alberta Capital Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 15 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 16 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Debate continued (on amendment).

Mr. Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr1 Karen Mavis Poor Eagle Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr2 Youth Emergency Services Foundation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr5 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr6 Mennonite Mutual Insurance Co. (Alberta) Ltd. Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill Pr7 Gerald Edwin Crabbe Adoption Act – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr8 Michael Celeborn Rothery Adoption Act – Mr. Van Binsbergen
- Bill Pr9 Adrienne Heather Cupido Adoption Act – Mr. Tannas
- Bill Pr10 King's College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Hewes
- Bill Pr11 Newman Theological College Continuance Act – Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill Pr12 First Canadian Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hlady
- Bill Pr13 Gardner Bible College Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard
- Bill Pr14 Benaning Osi Adoption Act – Ms Leibovici
- Bill Pr17 Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act – Mr. Jacques

Mr. Beniuk requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to rescind the vote on Third Reading of Bill Pr17, Canadian Health Assurance Corporation Act.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

by deleting section 11.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Abdurahman	Hanson	Soetaert
Beniuk	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Bruseker	Leibovici	Vasseur
Carlson	Massey	White
Chadi	Mitchell	Wickman
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sekulic	

Against the amendment: 41

Ady	Doerksen	Hlady
Amery	Dunford	Jacques
Black	Fischer	Kowalski
Brassard	Forsyth	Laing
Burgener	Friedel	Lund
Calahasen	Gordon	Magnus
Cardinal	Haley	McFarland
Coutts	Havelock	Mirosh
Day	Herard	Oberg
Dinning	Hierath	Paszkowski

Pham	Sohal	Thurber
Renner	Stelmach	Trynchy
Severtson	Tannas	Woloshyn
Smith	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)	

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put on the Bill itself, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 54

Abdurahman	Fischer	Mitchell
Ady	Forsyth	Oberg
Amery	Friedel	Percy
Beniuk	Germain	Renner
Bracko	Gordon	Sekulic
Brassard	Haley	Severtson
Bruseker	Henry	Smith
Burgener	Herard	Soetaert
Cardinal	Hierath	Sohal
Carlson	Jacques	Stelmach
Chadi	Kowalski	Taylor (Redwater)
Clegg	Laing	Thurber
Coutts	Langevin	Trynchy
Day	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dickson	Lund	White
Dinning	Magnus	Wickman
Doerksen	Massey	Woloshyn
Dunford	Mirosh	Zwozdesky

Against the Bill: 5

Havelock	McFarland	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hlady	Pham	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendments to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) – Defeated

Sessional Paper 653/93

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) – Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 654/93

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 8 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Jonson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 5 is amended by adding the following after subsection (b):

(c) by adding the following after clause (m.1):

(m.2) shall consult with any affected municipality prior to the establishment of liquor stores, warehouses and duty free stores in Alberta in those places;

A debate followed.

The Committee recessed at 11:29 a.m. until 12:02 p.m.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 22

Abdurahman	Henry	Soetaert
Beniuk	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Leibovici	Vasseur
Bruseker	Massey	White
Collingwood	Mitchell	Wickman
Dickson	Percy	Yankowsky
Germain	Sekulic	Zwozdesky
Hanson		

Against the amendment: 43

Ady	Fritz	McFarland
Amery	Gordon	Mirosh
Black	Haley	Oberg
Brassard	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Pham
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Sohal
Dinning	Kowalski	Stelmach
Doerksen	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Lund	Trynchy
Evans	Mar	West
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth		

Debate continued on the Bill.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 6 is amended by adding the following after subsection (3):

- (3.1) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the Corporation shall not be obliged to cease operations in any existing leased liquor store where the cessation of such operations would lead to losses to the Corporation that could reasonably be offset or minimized by the continued operation of the facility until such time as the lease expires and during such operation the Corporation shall continue to attempt to dispose of the asset at fair market value.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Abdurahman	Hanson	Soetaert
Beniuk	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Kirkland	Vasseur
Bruseker	Leibovici	White
Chadi	Massey	Wickman
Collingwood	Mitchell	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sekulic	

Against the amendment: 45

Ady	Fritz	Mirosh
Amery	Gordon	Oberg
Black	Haley	Paszkowski
Brassard	Havelock	Pham
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hierath	Rostad
Cardinal	Hlady	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Sohal
Doerksen	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dunford	Laing	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Magnus	Thurber
Fischer	Mar	Trynchy
Forsyth	McClellan	West
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn

And after some further time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) – Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 655/93

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) – Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 656/93

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move to Oral Question Period.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Projected Government Business

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to ask the Government House Leader a question regarding projected business for next week.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader indicated that Government Business for the next week would be Third Reading of Bill 21, Second Reading of Bill 10 and Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 12.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following:

"Bill 21, Agriculture Financial Services Act be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence."

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Abdurahman	Germain	Percy
Beniuk	Hanson	Soetaert
Bracko	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Vasseur
Chadi	Leibovici	White
Collingwood	Massey	Yankowsky
Dickson	Mitchell	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 39

Ady	Fritz	Mirosh
Brassard	Gordon	Oberg
Burgener	Haley	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Pham
Cardinal	Hierath	Renner
Clegg	Hlady	Rostad
Coutts	Jacques	Severtson
Day	Jonson	Smith
Dinning	Kowalski	Stelmach
Doerksen	Laing	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	West
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn

The question for Third Reading of Bill 21 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Ady	Fritz	McFarland
Brassard	Gordon	Mirosh
Burgener	Haley	Oberg
Calahasen	Hierath	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Rostad
Coutts	Jonson	Severtson
Day	Kowalski	Smith
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Mar	West
Evans	McClellan	Woloshyn

Against the motion: 22

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sekulic
Beniuk	Henry	Soetaert
Bracko	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Bruseker	Leibovici	Vasseur
Chadi	Massey	White
Collingwood	Mitchell	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Jacques

Bill 21 Agriculture Financial Services Act – Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 21, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, moved that it be called 5:30 p.m., and the Assembly adjourned at 4:11 p.m. Wednesday, November 10, 1993.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 9, 1994

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GORDON TOWERS,
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly
of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and
with the advice and consent of Our Executive
Council of Our Province of Alberta to
prorogue the first session of the twenty-third
Legislature of Alberta:

Neil McCrank,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 9, 1994, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of
Alberta for the second session of the
twenty-third Legislature, WE DO WILL that
you and each of you, and all others in this
behalf interested, on THURSDAY, the tenth
day of February, A.D. 1994, at the hour of
THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City
of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for
the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and
conclude upon those things which, in the
Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the
Common Council of Our said Province, may,
by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made
Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE GORDON TOWERS, Lieutenant Governor
of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta,
this 19th day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred
and Ninety-four and in the Forty-second Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

KEN ROSTAD,
Provincial Secretary.