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Tuesday, February 18, 2003

This being the first Day of the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, C.M., Lieutenant Governor, dated the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand three;

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE
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 Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Alberta:

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 17, 2003, 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 Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of February 2003, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

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 LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this Fifth day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three in the Fifty-first Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer he invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

Her Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From the Throne

Fellow Albertans, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Alberta Legislature. It is an honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne as it is an honour to serve the people of this Province as Lieutenant Governor.

In this role, I have had countless opportunities to meet Albertans from all walks of life: farmers, public servants, homemakers, oil field workers, doctors, students, volunteers, gardeners, and many, many people from all over. While each individual's experience is unique, they all hold common values that reflect this Province and its people most profoundly. Those values include pride, the pride that comes from meeting challenges head-on and doing things the right way, not the easy way. They include a willingness to try new things and take risks. They include a commitment to work hard because nothing worth having comes without effort. Most of all, Albertans value the freedom to manage their own lives balanced by a strong sense of responsibility to family and community.

Ten years ago the people of Alberta and their Government charted a course for a new future. That course has brought the Province to an era of unmatched growth and prosperity, but Albertans know that these things on their own are merely the foundation that will nurture a living legacy for generations to come. The challenge this Government faces is one of keeping things "steady as we grow." Managing the pressures of growth means building a province that is strong today and remains strong into the future. It means ensuring that the advantage Albertans enjoy today grows into the promise of tomorrow, a promise to our children.

A Bright Future for Children

This Government's highest priority must be to secure a bright future for children and youth. The Government will demonstrate its commitment to that priority by undertaking a range of initiatives to ensure that Alberta's most precious resource, its children, is protected and enabled to develop to its fullest potential.

To ensure that children at risk receive the help they need when they need it, the Government will amend the Child Welfare Act. The amendments will emphasize the importance of early intervention and the preservation of the family and will increase the involvement of communities in the care of children. This approach recognizes that creating an environment where children succeed is an endeavour that stretches far beyond the ability of any one family or any government. Education and health systems, the corporate and voluntary sectors, parents, extended families, and caregivers are all part of a vital community network of supports that must be in place for children to thrive.

The first piece of legislation this Government will introduce in 2003 will set in motion the creation of such a network. Bill 1, the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, will enshrine in law this Government's commitment to children and youth. Alberta's Promise will mobilize every sector of Alberta to build the character and competence of young people by making and keeping promises that focus on five specific areas of commitment. These are

- giving children a healthy start and a promising future,
- providing safe and healthy communities for our children's growth, education, and development,

- ensuring that every child receives ongoing support, care, and guidance from at least one caring adult in his or her life,
- offering children the chance to make a difference through volunteer activities and opportunities to serve others, and
- seeking out the best tools, models, and examples of other individuals and communities so that Alberta's children may learn, benefit, and succeed.

This initiative will provide funding to the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research, a private, not-for-profit agency that will be established by stakeholders to explore the issues and challenges faced by children and families. The first priority of the centre will be to conduct research on the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome. Over time the research agenda will be broadened to address other issues such as early childhood development and youth at risk. By learning more about the best ways to prevent future problems, we will be better able to give children what they need most in life, a good start.

Part of that good start is a good education. Alberta has an excellent learning system with gifted, caring teachers, a strong curriculum, and students who have proven themselves to be national and international leaders. Maintaining the Province's high-quality learning system is a top priority for this Government.

The Alberta Commission on Learning has been struck to review the issues and challenges facing the education system and develop recommendations on how the system can meet the demands of students both today and tomorrow. While the Commission undertakes its review, the Government will continue to support and improve student learning. One of the ways Government will do this is by dedicating an additional \$20 million to help Alberta school boards purchase additional classroom resources that support the curriculum including textbooks and reference books, teaching resources, and computer software.

The most important classroom resource is teachers. Alberta teachers already play an active role in developing curriculum, provincial exams, and learning and teaching resources, but there is still a need for more direct feedback from teachers. This Government will explore opportunities to better connect with teachers.

The Government will also take steps to strengthen the post-secondary education system to promote lifelong learning. Legislation will be introduced this session to enable the adult learning system to better anticipate and respond to future economic and workforce trends and needs.

A Strong Economy

One of the foundations of the promise to children is a strong economy. Albertans know that economic strength is a means to a better life, not an end in itself. A robust economy generates the prosperity that allows people to realize their dreams. It creates challenging, high-paying jobs. It sustains a thriving arts and cultural sector. Most importantly, a strong economy gives a society the ability to invest in the programs most valued by its citizens.

The Government will move forward in a number of areas to ensure that Alberta remains an economic leader in Canada. First among these is a commitment to the Province's agricultural producers and rural communities, the backbone of this Province's economy. Through good times and bad the Province's farmers and ranchers have never let Albertans down. They provide safe, high-quality, affordable food products and support an economic base that extends well beyond rural communities into a global marketplace. In these times of uncertainty marked by persistent drought and rising input costs, this Government will not turn its back on its producers.

The Government will continue to improve safety nets that allow farmers and ranchers to make the best management decisions for their operations. Through the Life Sciences Strategy and the complementary Alberta Agricultural Research and Innovation Strategy, it will advance research and innovation which are the keys to long-term industry growth, profitability, and environmental sustainability. It will work with rural communities to identify and resolve barriers to growth, and it will continue to oppose the monopoly of the Canadian Wheat Board and advocate for marketing choice for Alberta wheat and barley producers.

The Government will also focus efforts on ensuring the long-term stability of the energy sector. Energy is a major driver of the Province's prosperity, creating jobs, stimulating economic growth in numerous other fields, and generating significant revenues for Albertans. Alberta is well established as a producer of conventional oil and natural gas, but the future of energy development is non-conventional resources like the oil sands which hold the second largest supply of oil reserves in the world. Given the enormous potential of Alberta's resources, this Province will continue to be a leader in the energy economy.

The Government will focus on adapting the regulatory regime and investing in energy research and technology development to unleash the potential of non-conventional resources such as oil sands and coal bed methane. New technologies such as the use of carbon dioxide in enhanced oil and gas recovery will also play a role in extending the life span of known resource reservoirs and addressing the Province's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As well, this year the Government will accelerate the implementation of the Alberta Energy Research Strategy. This includes exploring new technologies for the cleaner use of Alberta's vast coal resources. Funding will be provided for a clean coal demonstration project to develop better techniques for the use of coal in electricity generation.

Government will also focus on the consumer side of the energy sector, particularly in the area of electricity. While progress has been made on delivering new generation to meet growing consumer demand, there are still issues to be addressed around customer choice and service, particularly in rural areas. The Government will introduce legislation that will refine the structure of the electric industry. This will further level the playing field to attract new investors into Alberta's electricity and natural gas markets to increase competition and value for consumers. It will also provide consumers with a new regulated option to purchase power at a rate tied to the competitive wholesale market.

Agriculture and energy are only two examples of areas in which Alberta is a player in a world market. In all sectors prosperity is created by the evolution to a broader, more diverse, knowledge-based, and globally competitive economy. To encourage this transition, the Government will create a value-added strategy. This will be a long-term plan focusing on a 20-year horizon. It will encourage increased manufacturing, tourism, exportable services, and the processing of the Province's resources here in Alberta rather than simply exporting raw materials along with the jobs and wealth that go with them to other jurisdictions. Key to this strategy will be mobilizing the enormous potential of Alberta's northern economy for the benefit of all Albertans.

A Clean Environment

The Government recognizes that economic growth must not occur at the expense of environmental protection. Instead they go hand in hand. Sustainable economic growth requires clean air, water, and land, and Albertans will accept no less.

This year the Government will move ahead with a made-in-Alberta plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It will reintroduce legislation to enshrine Canada's first comprehensive climate change action plan in law. Albertans are committed to doing their fair share to address global warming and this Bill will reinforce the Province's pledge to take meaningful action.

Alberta will continue to be a strong national voice on this issue to ensure that any actions taken have environmental benefits and are not simply motivated by political posturing or rhetoric. This Government will not allow Ottawa's implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to endanger Alberta's economy, its environment, or its way of life. The Government will use any and all tools available to assert the Province's constitutional right and responsibility to manage its natural resources.

The Government is also moving forward to address Albertans' concerns about the future of one of their most valued resources, water. This spring the Government will bring forward a water management strategy that will outline short-, medium-, and long-term actions that can be taken collectively and individually to protect the quality and manage the quantity of Alberta's water supply.

A Solid Infrastructure

One of the key supports for a strong economy is a solid infrastructure. As Alberta has grown, so has its need for health facilities, schools, and roads. The Province's unprecedented economic growth has surpassed its investment in capital projects and Albertans aren't willing to wait until tomorrow for the infrastructure they need today. That's why the Government will develop a new capital plan to address infrastructure needs. Budget 2003 will call for significant new investment in each of the next three years toward this priority area. This approach will bring predictability and stability to capital spending and end the pattern of deferring sorely needed infrastructure projects when provincial revenues fall unexpectedly.

The capital plan will include a framework for public/private partnerships that will pull together the best resources and skills from both the public and private sectors. An advisory committee of experts will be struck to evaluate proposals over the life of a project to determine whether there is a net benefit to taxpayers. The Government recognizes that the partnership approach will not be the right solution for every project, nor will it replace conventional pay-as-you-go capital financing. However, there are some situations where such an approach may work well. The Government will carefully consider partnerships and all other options so that Alberta can meet its infrastructure needs at an affordable price.

The Government understands that existing infrastructure must be preserved and maintained in order to continue to serve Albertans in the future. Looking after the infrastructure the Province already has will continue to be a high priority for this Government. So, too, will be working in partnership with municipalities under the Premier's Task Force on Infrastructure to address their infrastructure needs.

A New Fiscal Framework

The new capital plan is part of a larger fiscal framework the Government will implement to bring predictability, sustainability, and more discipline to its fiscal management. Just as the new capital plan will eliminate the need for stop-and-go infrastructure spending, a new sustainability fund will be created to do the same thing for operational spending.

Government will add to the sustainability fund when energy revenues are high and rely on the fund when energy revenues are low to ensure that Government spending doesn't rise and fall with volatile energy prices. The new fiscal framework will enable the Government to address growth pressures while remaining true to its principles of balanced budgets, debt repayment, and accountability.

A Focus on People

A strong economy and a solid infrastructure enable a society to respond to the needs of people, especially those who are most vulnerable. Albertans recognize that they owe a debt of gratitude to seniors and have a responsibility to care for those who are most vulnerable.

The Government will increase monthly payments to low income seniors who live in lodges and receive the Alberta Seniors' Benefit to ensure that they can obtain the additional services they require to remain independent and healthy for as long as possible.

This Government will also work to ensure that low income seniors and families, individuals with special needs, people in remote communities, and the homeless have access to basic shelter. It will integrate homeless shelter programs to provide a more comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of homeless and near-homeless Albertans. As well, it will facilitate the development of more affordable housing under the Canada/Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement.

The Government will continue to implement the reforms recommended by the low-income program review. Legislation will be introduced to create the framework for a new integrated income support program to begin in 2004. The new program will reduce complexities and improve service in the current system of supports for low-income Albertans. The Government will also adjust its employment training programs to be more flexible to make it easier for Albertans to gain the skills they need to find and keep jobs.

A Better Health System

A good health system helps all Albertans play a role in the economic, social, and cultural life of the Province. Health care and the need for health system reform have led the public agenda in Alberta and across the country for the past year. System reform will continue to be a major focus of the Government in 2003-2004. That's because even with one-third of all Government spending going to health care, too many people are still waiting too long in emergency and for diagnostics, surgery, long-term care, and other services.

Budget 2003 will increase funding for this priority area. Still, more money is not the only answer. For Albertans who have been disappointed in their access to the health system or the quality of their care, the need for reform is real and personal. The Government will continue to reform the health system to improve access and quality. It will set limits on how long Albertans should wait for selected services like consultations with specialists and some major surgical procedures.

But access is not just about hospitals and high-technology diagnostic procedures. It is about getting good advice quickly and easily no matter what the day or the time, and it's about getting continuing support so Albertans stay healthy. Primary health care reform is essential to make the system work for Albertans. Many family doctors are too rushed to provide the type of care wanted. The Government will work with caregivers, especially doctors and nurses, to create 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, comprehensive care practices that make better use of all health professionals.

The ultimate goal of any health system must be to help people enjoy a high quality of health that leads to a high quality of life. Staying healthy is the first step toward that goal. The Government will set targets for the next 10 years to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to promote healthy behaviours and prevent injuries and chronic diseases. This work will begin with diabetes and will extend to other ailments.

The number of Albertans living with diabetes is expected to double over the next 15 years. The rate of incidence of diabetes is even higher in aboriginal communities. The Government will develop a new diabetes strategy that will focus on preventing the primary risk factors that lead to type 2 diabetes and addressing the needs of those who already have the disease to prevent and reduce serious complications.

Comprehensive health care requires reliable, immediate information sharing among all the people involved in providing care. Alberta will implement electronic health records to provide quicker access to patient records, fewer treatment errors, improved efficiency, and reduced costs.

The Government recognizes that the way to reach its goals will be different in rural Alberta than in the cities. It will develop a rural health action plan to determine how best to implement changes to improve access to health services in rural areas. The plan will focus on primary health care and continuing care reform, ambulance services, and getting and keeping skilled health care workers in small-town Alberta.

Government will ensure that the changing needs of Albertans are met. Continuing care service plans will be implemented in each health region. These will involve fully implementing a coordinated system to provide one-stop access to information, assessment, and continuing care referrals as recommended in the long-term care review.

Safe Communities

Staying healthy means staying safe. Albertans already enjoy the lowest property and violent crime rates in western Canada despite having the fastest growing population in the country but further steps can and will be taken to ensure that all Albertans feel safe in their homes and communities.

New legislation will be introduced to improve the Province's corrections system by creating a zero tolerance level for illegal drug use, violence, and gang-related activities in provincial prisons. Offenders will be held fully accountable for misbehaviour while in custody and will have to earn remission through good behaviour, not merely time served.

The Government will strengthen the Province's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies by providing each municipality in the Province with advice and assistance on developing emergency plans and emergency management training.

The Government will improve Albertans' access to justice by introducing a new family law act that consolidates and updates provincial family laws and makes them easier to understand. The Bill will address many issues that affect Alberta families including spousal support, child maintenance, custody, and access.

The Government will also introduce new legislation this session to amend the Young Offenders Act to reflect federal legislative changes. It will continue to work with the Federal Government in this area of shared responsibility to produce the best results for young people in the justice system and for communities.

A Full Partner in Canada

Albertans are committed Canadians. They hold dear the traditions that have shaped this nation and the ideals for which it stands. Albertans want to be full and equal partners in Canada but true partnership is only possible when all parties are respected and valued for what they bring to the table. Alberta's ability to be a partner in Canada is compromised by the current Federal Government, which often does not listen to the people of this Province.

This Government remains committed to protecting Albertans' interests nationally. It will continue to press the Federal Government to make a genuine effort to deal with Albertans' concerns and ensure that their priorities are addressed fairly and genuinely. It will do everything in its power to protect Alberta's economy and make certain that provincial jurisdiction is respected.

The Government will also continue to press the Federal Government to live up to its responsibilities for aboriginal peoples, particularly in the areas of health and child welfare.

Conclusion

Fellow Albertans, the Government's agenda for 2003 is about keeping steady as we grow. It is a promise to the children of Alberta. Keeping the promise means unleashing innovation, leading in learning, and competing in a global marketplace. It means making Alberta the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family. Keeping the promise means showing leadership and working in partnership. Keeping the promise means promoting Alberta's interests and securing benefits for Albertans as equal partners in a strong, united Canada. Keeping the promise means all Albertans working together to turn the many advantages we enjoy today into opportunities for those who follow us.

With the help, good will, and hard work of all Albertans it is a promise the Government can and will keep.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and may God bless you all.

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

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members and guests in the singing of God Save the Queen.

Her 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 "Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act." Hon. Mr. Klein accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Tabling Documents

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

Sessional Paper 1/2003

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

Hutton (Chair)	Broda	Lougheed
Magnus (Deputy Chair)	Carlson	Marz
Bonner	Knight	VanderBurg

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (11 Members)

Tarchuk (Chair)	Fritz	Pannu
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Graham	Taft
Blakeman	Hlady	Tannas
Friedel	O'Neill	

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Graham (Chair)	Johnson	Ouellette
Kryczka (Deputy Chair)	Lord	Pannu
Abbott	Magnus	Pham
Bonner	Maskell	Rathgeber
Goudreau	Massey	Snelgrove
Graydon	McClelland	VanderBurg
Jacobs	McFarland	Vandermeer

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

Klapstein (Chair)	Fritz	Lukaszuk
Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Graydon	MacDonald
Abbott	Hlady	Masyk
Amery	Jacobs	McClelland
Cao	Knight	Pannu
Carlson	Lord	Renner
Danyluk	Lougheed	Zwozdesky

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

MacDonald (Chair)	Cenaiko	Marz
Shariff (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Mason
Ady	Goudreau	Masyk
Blakeman	Hutton	Ouellette
Broda	Jablonski	Taft
Cao	Lukaszuk	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:04 p.m. until Wednesday, February 19, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Ben Albert, Daniel Arato, Scott Broshko, Alex Pattillo, Michael Shaw, Marissa Staddon, and Jeffrey Tricket, avalanche victims from Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School who passed away on February 1, 2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: World's longest hockey game and cancer research fund-raiser achieved by Dr. Brent Saik and 40 other hockey players

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Barb Tarbox and the sacrifice of her husband and daughter in sharing her remaining time through her public quit smoking campaign

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Pierre Lueders and Guilio Zardo, silver medal winners in the World Bobsled Championships

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie and Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Calvary Community Church

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Bellerose High School marathon hockey game and cancer research fund-raiser

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Freedom to Read Week, February 23 to March 1, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, presented a petition from 2,600 Albertans requesting the Government consider allocating funds for schools as per the 2002-2003 Calgary Board of Education capital plan.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the genuine emergency faced by school boards as a result of the Government's failure to properly fund arbitrated salary settlements, operations and maintenance grants, and grade 10 credits.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight
Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Renner
Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau
Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight
Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Renner
Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau
Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Excerpt from the Alberta Teachers' Association Brief of General Argument submission to the Arbitration Tribunal under the Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 3/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Letter dated January 31, 2003, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed recommendations of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission and outlining a motion passed by Edmonton City Council on January 28, 2003

Sessional Paper 4/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Petition signed by 370 Albertans requesting that Special Constables be allowed to enforce provincial statutes on primary and secondary highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of towns and villages

Sessional Paper 5/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter dated February 18, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Dr. Brent Saik of Sherwood Park, congratulating Dr. Saik and his fellow athletes on playing the longest hockey game in history while raising funds for cancer treatment and research

Sessional Paper 6/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News release dated November 29, 2002, entitled "New Awards Program for Alberta Artists Launched" prepared by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

Sessional Paper 7/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated November 14, 2002, from Olwen Livingstone of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding rent increases due to utility deregulation

Sessional Paper 8/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Petition signed by 1,500 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 9/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Alberta School Boards Association newsletter dated February 7, 2003, entitled "Hot News"

Sessional Paper 10/2003

Letter dated February 5, 2003, from Richard Grynas of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing displeasure with the Government over its lack of responsibility regarding public education funding

Sessional Paper 11/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 7, 2003, from Sheila Greer of Edmonton expressing disappointment with the behaviour of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, regarding funding for school boards

Sessional Paper 12/2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

855 recent letters from Albertans to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and several unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the current level of provincial education funding and the negative effect the cutbacks are having on the programs and services of the Calgary Catholic School District

Sessional Paper 13/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Revised Members' Services Committee Orders No. 1/03 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 11)

Sessional Paper 14/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2) and the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2001-2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 15/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-3, s10:

Final Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta dated February 2003, entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta" prepared by the 2002/2003 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Sessional Paper 16/2003

Point of Privilege

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding answers to questions provided by the Minister of Learning concerning the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Chair has listened to the arguments made on this purported question of privilege brought by the Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods and is prepared to rule.

In brief, the Member alleges his ability to perform his duties was obstructed by the Minister of Learning's answers to certain questions concerning the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) on November 25 and December 3, 2002. The Member alleges that the Minister misled the Assembly in these responses which led to an alleged contempt of the Assembly.

The only way that this could be a prima facie question of privilege would be if the Chair found that the Minister of Learning had deliberately or intentionally misled the Assembly. In his January 30, 2003 letter giving notice of his intention, the Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods does not directly allege that the Minister deliberately or intentionally misled him or the Assembly. The parliamentary authorities are quite clear that for there to be a contempt, there must be a finding that there was some intention to mislead the House. Leading parliamentary authorities on this subject were canvassed in the Chair's March 20, 2002 ruling.

In this case, before the matter can be dealt with, there must be a finding under Standing Order 15(6) that the purported question of privilege was raised at the earliest opportunity. Leaving aside the question of what circumstances would allow something done in a previous Session to be the subject of a question of privilege in the next Session, there is a very real issue about the timeliness of this application.

In his notice, the Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods indicates that this was the earliest he could raise the matter as "the Legislature had adjourned before I learned of the information which has caused me to take this action."

That information consisted of letters from Mr. Booi, President of the ATA and from Mr. David Jones, the head of the Government-appointed arbitration tribunal under the Education Services Settlement Act.

Of course, the Member could not have had this information as the letter from Mr. Jones was dated December 17, 2002. It cannot be overemphasized that Mr. Jones was responding to a December 11, 2002 letter from the Minister of Learning asking for clarification of the ATA's position which, in turn, was prompted by a December 5, 2002 letter from Mr. Booi questioning the Minister's interpretation which was the day after the Fall Sitting concluded. How could the Minister have "deliberately misled" the Assembly if he was not advised of the positions of the parties until after he had spoken?

At best, this is a dispute between Members as to facts or interpretations of facts. It would not necessarily be a point of order and I do not find that it gives rise to a prima facie question of privilege.

The Chair wants to take this opportunity to remind Members that an allegation of deliberately misleading the House is a very serious matter that is hardly ever made out. Members of a certain age may remember the Profumo affair in England in 1963 where a Minister was found to have deliberately misled the House, or the Eggleton affair of February 2002 in the Canadian House of Commons, but these are extremely rare instances. The Member cited a 1978 ruling from the Canadian House of Commons involving the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and the then Solicitor General, but as Marleau and Montpetit state at page 87 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, there was a finding that the Minister had been deliberately misled by officials. There is no such allegation here.

While Members have a duty to be vigilant in their questions and answers, occasionally mistakes may occur. The Chair is not suggesting that such occurred in this case but wants to remind Members that our procedures provide Members with an opportunity to provide additional information following Oral Question Period. Certainly, the Chair will never deprive a Member of an opportunity to take the floor to indicate that he or she was wrong.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the genuine emergency faced by school boards as a result of the Government's failure to properly fund arbitrated salary settlements, operations and maintenance grants, and grade 10 credits.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the 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.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the 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.

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

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the 3rd Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:18 p.m. until Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement extending sincere best wishes to Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, C.M., Lieutenant Governor, in her battle with cancer.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Barb Tarbox who has dedicated the remaining months of her life to her national anti-smoking campaign and announcing that AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) will establish an annual award of excellence and scholarship in her name.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding a recent cross-country snowmobile relay for women to raise funds for breast cancer research, sponsored by Polaris Industries, celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2004.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Alberta's firefighters and the many risks involved in firefighting.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding a need for an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, February 24, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

- Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
 Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar
 Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
 Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong
 Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas
 Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
 Mr. Magnus

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
 Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4), Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2001-2002
 Sessional Paper 17/2003

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4), Alberta Dental Association and College, 2001-2002 Annual Report
 Sessional Paper 18/2003

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2001-2002
 Sessional Paper 19/2003

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Health Authority 5, Annual Report 2001-2002
 Sessional Paper 20/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2002
 Sessional Paper 21/2003

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Report dated November 2002, entitled "Building Tomorrow Together" prepared by Agrivantage
 Sessional Paper 22/2003

Report dated January 2003, entitled "Alberta's Agriculture Research and Innovation Strategic Framework" prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Innovation and Science

Sessional Paper 23/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 11, 2003, from Ruth Maria Adria, Elder Advocates of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Department of Health and Wellness make 5 proposed tenets mandatory in Alberta nursing homes and auxiliary hospitals

Sessional Paper 24/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated October 22, 2002, from Paul Otto of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 25/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document, undated, entitled "Basic Learning Spending, Adjusted for Comparability to 1992/1993 and Adjusted for Comparability to 1995/1996"

Sessional Paper 26/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Did You Know..." prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus, listing several Government expenditures and alternate options for those expenditures

Sessional Paper 27/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated February 14, 2003, from Doreen Smith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing concern regarding utility costs and health care premiums

Sessional Paper 28/2003

Letter dated February 17, 2003, from Jean Polasek of Clairmont to Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and requesting a natural gas subsidy

Sessional Paper 29/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 7, 2003, from the Marlowe families of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas

Sessional Paper 30/2003

Letter dated January 25, 2003, unsigned to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a \$1,500 increase in a natural gas bill for a greenhouse and attaching a copy of an ATCO Gas bill dated January 21, 2003

Sessional Paper 31/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 24 to February 27, 2003:

Monday, February 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 2 of 10) Second Reading / Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 5 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, February 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4, 5, 11 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading / Committee of the Whole Bill 4, 5, 11 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, February 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Supplementary Supply Messages Government Motions Supplementary Supply Motions

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 2, 3

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 3, 6, 7, 8, 9

Committee of the Whole

Bill 3

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 27 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Supplementary Estimates
(Day 1 of 1)**Revert to Introduction of Bills**Appropriation (Supplementary
Supply) Act

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**
(Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the 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.

Ms Haley moved adjournment of the debate, which 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 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act— Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, February 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 24, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement - Rick Yarish

The Speaker welcomed Rick Yarish, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees for the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, who will be sitting at the Table for the week and observing the operations of the Legislative Assembly.

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Arthur Ryan Smith, C.M., D.F.C., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Group of lawyers from Medicine Hat for their work in collaborative law

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: 25th anniversary of the Lakewood Community League

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Emerson Drive country music group

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Speech by Jane MacKay Wright and Louis Schmittroth on the topic of Iraq and Palestine presented on February 21, 2003 at the Canadian Islamic Centre

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Deb Santos, Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts representative and Drayton Valley, hosts of the Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts, January 22-26, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, presented a petition from 1,644 Alberta firefighters requesting that the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to create presumptive status for six cancers that have been conclusively shown to disproportionately affect firefighters as a result of the dangerous conditions in which they work.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, and notice having been given:

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Rev. Abbott

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Several documents prepared by Climate Change Central including the Climate Change Central 2001 Progress Report, 2000 Annual Report, Strategic Plan, 2000-2001, and Issues 1 to 5 of a newsletter entitled "C3 Views"

Sessional Paper 32/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

15 recent letters from Albertans and a variety of conservation, naturalist, and wilderness organizations, to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, supporting Bill 201, Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 33/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 19, 2003, from Janice Hoover of Edmonton to Dr. Jeffrey R. Anderson, Chairman, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, urging the Foundation to reconsider proposed changes to the formula for funding summer schools which would adversely affect summer programs offered by provincial arts service organizations

Sessional Paper 34/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated January 27, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, with attached resolution entitled "Opposing Unilateral Military Action Against Iraq" passed by the Official Opposition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 35/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 15, 2003, from Barry Breau, Alberta Regional Committee Coordinator, Forest Stewardship Council of Canada, Alberta Region, unaddressed, outlining the efforts of the Council's Alberta Region to develop a forest certification scheme

Sessional Paper 36/2003

Letter dated September 2, 2002, from Dean McQuay of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 37/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 399 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 38/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated February 20, 2003, with writer's name struck out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding increased electrical energy costs and discrepancies regarding actual consumption versus meter reading information

Sessional Paper 39/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated November 26, 2002, with writer's name struck out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding increased electrical energy costs

Sessional Paper 40/2003

Letter dated February 11, 2003, with writer's name struck out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, with attached AltaGas Utilities bill, expressing concern regarding increased natural gas costs and discrepancies in usage estimates contained in the writer's December 2002 and January 2003 natural gas bills

Sessional Paper 41/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11.

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 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:49 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mrs. Fritz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit to include all children in a family in order to bring equality between families with three or more children and families with two or less children.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mrs. Fritz speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

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

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

Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act— Hon. Mr. Klein

Ms Graham, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 42/2003

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 43/2003

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 44/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding selling or privatizing the ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches).

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding a partnership between Ernest Manning High School and Shane Homes.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding school councils.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding federal tax levies.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, presented a petition from 85 Albertans requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 53 Albertans requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 45/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report dated December 2002, entitled "Natural Gas Prices in the North American Market" prepared by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Sessional Paper 46/2003

Memorandum dated February 4, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and all Government Members of the Legislative Assembly, outlining information to assist Members with inquiries regarding utilities and disconnection notices for recipients of AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and SFI (Supports for Independence)

Sessional Paper 47/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Poster regarding the 2nd Annual Dance Lab Open Forum sponsored by Mile Zero Dance

Sessional Paper 48/2003

Program from the Inaugural Gala for the Davis Concert Organ held September 14, 2002, at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Sessional Paper 49/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated January 30, 2003, from the Northern Oilfield Contractors Association to the Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce requesting support for the resolution of issues in order to sustain a free and open business market on Alberta's Crown land

Sessional Paper 50/2003

Program from the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Edmonton North Division Police Station on January 16, 2003

Sessional Paper 51/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Media release dated February 19, 2003, entitled "Staff Reductions and Class Size Increases Likely, Public School Board Faces Million Dollar Shortfall" prepared by Red Deer Public Schools

Sessional Paper 52/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated February 24, 2003, from Rolf H. Lehmann of Stettler to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding natural gas price increases and requesting a rebate

Sessional Paper 53/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

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

Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Renner

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:46 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

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

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

Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act— Hon. Mr. Klein

Ms Graham, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on February 24, 2003) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 54/2003

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 55/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:20 p.m. until Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Alberta Special Olympics held in Wetaskiwin, February 7-9, 2003

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Ramsay Elementary School in Calgary

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 1325, celebrating their 100th anniversary

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Opening of Canada's first centralized hospital pharmacy on February 21, 2003

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Ready Engineering of Spruce Grove on winning the 2003 Alberta Small Business Award of Distinction

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Trevor Brown of the County of Lethbridge, recipient of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Edmonton Coalition Against War and Racism

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 58 Albertans requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Membership list and biographical information of the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise

Sessional Paper 56/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,641 Didsbury and areas residents requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 57/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated February 21, 2003, from Rachelle Nelson to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, expressing concern regarding natural gas price increases

Sessional Paper 58/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated February 22, 2003, entitled "Government Just Not Listening" prepared by Elk Island Public Schools

Sessional Paper 59/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 12, 2003, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Bill Kobluk of Edmonton providing information regarding Alberta's Tuition Fee Policy

Sessional Paper 60/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From the Administrator of the Province of Alberta

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a certain Message from the Administrator of the Province of Alberta.

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

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 61/2003

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 62/2003

2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 63/2003

Government Motions

6. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, February 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the 60th anniversary of the Edson Savings and Credit Union.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Betty and Bud Underwood of Whitecourt who were foster parents for 28 years.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding Government education policies.

Presenting Petitions

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod (Minister of Government Services) presented a petition from 26 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 39 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 60 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 3, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Report dated February 27, 2003, entitled "Medicine Hat Royalties" prepared by the Alberta Department of Energy

Sessional Paper 64/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

197 letters, undated, from Albertans expressing concern regarding rising tuition costs at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 65/2003

Petition signed by 2,772 Albertans requesting the Government increase funding for public education

Sessional Paper 66/2003

Chart, undated, entitled "Alberta Government Overcharges Underfunded Schools" comparing prices of several learning resources available at the Alberta Learning Resource Centre, Chapters, and National Book Service

Sessional Paper 67/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated December 17, 2002, from Vicki MacIsaac of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to further commercial development in the Kananaskis Valley

Sessional Paper 68/2003

E-mail message dated December 18, 2002, from Ron Dragg to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to further commercial development of the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 69/2003

3 letters dated January 12, February 9, and February 24, 2003, from Dennis C. Floate of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 70/2003

E-mail message dated January 6, 2003, from Alix Danard of Redwood Meadows to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 71/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Petition signed by 287 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 72/2003

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

Excerpt of the minutes of a Town of Blackfalds Council meeting held February 25, 2003, noting a resolution regarding the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries

Sessional Paper 73/2003

Letter from His Worship William J. McQuesten, Mayor, Town of Lacombe, expressing concern regarding the proposed electoral boundary of Lacombe-Ponoka

Sessional Paper 74/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated February 24, 2003, from Heather Waldie to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the lack in education funding

Sessional Paper 75/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from Ed Gibbons, Deputy Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, stating a motion was passed by Edmonton City Council on February 25, 2003, asking the Government to immediately institute the natural gas price protection rebate program

Sessional Paper 76/2003

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Margaret Stumborg of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding high natural gas prices and requesting a rebate

Sessional Paper 77/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 3 to March 6, 2003:

Monday, March 3	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 2
		Second Reading
		Bill 3, 17
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, March 4	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1 Second Reading Bill 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 3, 17 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2, 3, 17 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2, 3, 17 Committee of the Whole Bill 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21

Point of Order

During a purported point of order, Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, tabled the following document:

News release dated February 27, 2003, entitled "Masyk clarifies comments on prison conditions; apologizes for potential offense" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 78/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund, 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$1,400,000 Operating Expense

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$39,719,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$4,000,000 Operating Expense

Energy

\$3,300,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Environment

\$2,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Government Services

\$4,565,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Human Resources and Employment

\$25,800,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Infrastructure

\$800,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$2,623,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Learning

\$33,500,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$11,400,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Seniors

\$17,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Sustainable Resource Development

\$19,075,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Transportation

\$41,460,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

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

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 3, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Achievements of Team Alberta at the Canada Winter Games being held in Bathurst and Campbellton, New Brunswick from February 22 to March 8, 2003

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Steadward Centre for organizing the 12th Annual Indoor Classic on March 2, 2003, an event for the disabled community

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Energy deregulation policies

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: 65th anniversary of the Polish Veterans' Society

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Recent event in Calgary celebrating cultural diversity

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 1,500 Albertans requesting an increase in base funding to post-secondary education to ensure every qualified Albertan can attend university.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 207 Municipal Government (Councillor Disclosure and Protection) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lord

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Document dated March 3, 2003, with associated attachments, entitled "Updated Learning Resources Centre (LRC) Price Comparisons"

Sessional Paper 79/2003

Letter dated February 28, 2003, from Avi Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services, Edmonton Public Schools, to Rick Baker, Director, Learning Resources Centre, commenting that the Learning Resources Centre is an excellent resource supplier

Sessional Paper 80/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Proposed Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 dated October 3, 2002
Sessional Paper 81/2003

Proposed Gas Statutes (Gas Distribution) Amendment Act, 2003 dated
December 3, 2002
Sessional Paper 82/2003

Proposed Gas Statutes (Rural Utilities) Amendment Act, 2003 dated December 3,
2002
Sessional Paper 83/2003

Letter dated December 24, 2002, from Mike Ekelund, Acting Assistant Deputy
Minister, Electricity and Gas Division, Department of Energy, to Interested
Parties, providing an overview of major legislative changes being proposed in a
variety of bills and regulations related to gas utilities
Sessional Paper 84/2003

Letter dated January 17, 2003, from James A. Wachowich, Consumers' Coalition
of Alberta, to Terry Holmes, Gas and Alberta Markets Division, Department of
Energy, providing the Coalition's comments on the major legislative changes
being proposed in a variety of bills and regulations related to gas utilities
Sessional Paper 85/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon.
Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 20, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official
Opposition, to Ken G. Block, President, Edmonton Fire Fighters' Union,
Local 209, responding to Mr. Block's letter regarding Bill 202, Workers'
Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003, and expressing support for
the Bill
Sessional Paper 86/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated December 31, 2002, from Gary Hanson, General Manager and Chief
Operating Officer, West Edmonton Mall, to Robert C. Clark, Chairman, Alberta
Electoral Boundaries Commission, opposing the Commission's recommendation
to reduce Edmonton's representation in the Legislative Assembly
Sessional Paper 87/2003

Fax dated February 28, 2003, unsigned, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing
concern regarding high natural gas rates and requesting natural gas rebates be
reinstated
Sessional Paper 88/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 913 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate
natural gas rebates
Sessional Paper 89/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program dated March 1, 2003 from the Polish Veterans' Society's 65th anniversary celebrations

Sessional Paper 90/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 21, 2003, with an associated attachment, from Michael H. Denkers of Edmonton to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding his inability to qualify for AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped)

Sessional Paper 91/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

76 letters from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002 and Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 92/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11.

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:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 35

Bonner	Jacobs	Nelson
Broda	Jonson	Norris
Cao	Klein	O'Neill
Carlson	Kryczka	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Lord	Pannu
Danyluk	Lougheed	Stevens
Evans	Magnus	Tannas
Forsyth	Marz	Tarchuk
Fritz	Maskell	Taylor
Graydon	Massey	VanderBurg
Haley	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Horner	Melchin	

Against the motion: 12

Abbott	Friedel	McFarland
DeLong	Herard	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	McClelland	Vandermeer

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mrs. Fritz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit to include all children in a family in order to bring equality between families with three or more children and families with two or less children.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

502. Moved by Mrs. Jablonski:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and implement steps to strengthen Alberta's position within Confederation.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:09 p.m. until Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding relations between Canada and the United States.

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement offering an apology concerning comments made regarding the value and contribution of teachers.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding inadequate education funding.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the utilization of schools in the constituency of Calgary-West.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette
- Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 205 Citizens' Empowerment Act — Dr. Nicol

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette
- Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board,
Annual Report 2002

Sessional Paper 93/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Letter dated October 22, 2002, from the Mayor and Councillors, Town of Turner Valley, to Robert C. Clark, Chairman, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, requesting the Town of Turner Valley remain in the electoral division of Highwood

Sessional Paper 94/2003

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from Her Worship Kelly Tuck, Mayor, Town of Turner Valley, expressing concern regarding the proposal by the Electoral Boundaries Commission to move Turner Valley into the Rocky View constituency with attached minutes from the Turner Valley town council meeting of October 21, 2002, noting a motion regarding the electoral boundary

Sessional Paper 95/2003

Letter dated February 28, 2003, from His Worship Rolly Magee, Mayor, Town of Black Diamond, to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, requesting the Town of Black Diamond remain in the Highwood constituency

Sessional Paper 96/2003

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly):

Copy of a petition signed by 11 members of the Westlock United Church requesting the Government implement the recommendations of the Romanow Report

Sessional Paper 97/2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Dave Fryett, Chairman, South Fish Creek Transportation Action Committee, to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, and Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, requesting the Government restore full funding to the south Deerfoot Trail extension upgrades and adhere to the original time lines

Sessional Paper 98/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

27 recent letters from Didsbury and area residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requesting the Didsbury district health services be included in the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 99/2003

2 recent letters from the Town of Carstairs and Mountain View County, and 2 from the Town of Didsbury to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for including the Didsbury health services in the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 100/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Brochure, undated, entitled "High Power Bills Unplugged, Low Cost Power for Albertans" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 101/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Media advisory dated February 28, 2003, entitled "Media briefing on Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 102/2003

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, advising that the New Democrats will not be attending a briefing regarding Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 being held on March 4, 2003 and objecting to the briefing process

Sessional Paper 103/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from William and Doreen Stevenson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing displeasure with the deregulation of electricity and natural gas

Sessional Paper 104/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated September 4, 2002, from Linda McKay-Panos, Executive Director, Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, to the Office of the Alberta Official Opposition, requesting an attached document entitled "Child Welfare Act Review 2002" be tabled in the Legislature

Sessional Paper 105/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(7), 28(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner Into Allegations Involving Albert Klapstein, Member for Leduc, dated March 4, 2003

Sessional Paper 106/2003

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Letter dated December 17, 2002, from Tony Yelenik, Reeve, Municipal District of Greenview No. 16, on behalf of Little Smoky residents, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, requesting local input into the design of the access to Little Smoky from Highway 43, with several maps attached

Sessional Paper 107/2003

Point of Privilege

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a media only briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 held March 3, 2003.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Mason.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Speaker ruled that Members wishing to provide further information regarding this point of privilege must do so by 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2003, to the Office of the Speaker. He then stated he would rule on this matter the following day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 41

Abbott	Hancock	O'Neill
Ady	Hlady	Pham
Amery	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Broda	Klapstein	Shariff
Calahasen	Knight	Snelgrove
Cao	Lougheed	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Danyluk	Lund	Strang
DeLong	Magnus	Tannas
Doerksen	Mar	Taylor
Dunford	McClelland	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McFarland	Vandermeer
Griffiths	Melchin	Yankowsky
Haley	Oberg	

Against the motion: 5

Carlson	Massey	Taft
Mason	Pannu	

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that it will cause inefficiency and confusion in the electricity production and delivery system, and increase costs for Alberta consumers.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Mason speaking.

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

Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act— Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta Golden Bears on winning a silver medal and Pandas on winning a bronze medal at the 2003 Canadian Interuniversity Sport Volleyball Championships

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Five recipients of the first annual Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: 25th anniversary of Kananaskis Country

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta sports teams as a dominating force in Canadian university sports

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Jean Paré for selling more than 20 million copies of her Company's Coming cookbooks

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Pharmacists Awareness Week, March 3-9, 2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Dr. Arthur Mano Bollo-Kamara who passed away on October 27, 2002

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 11th anniversary of the election of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly on March 5, 1992.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 40 Highwood residents urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 40 Albertans urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated March 5, 2003, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Dave Caron, Board Chairman, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, commenting on a letter sent to parents in the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division regarding funding shortfalls

Sessional Paper 108/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Petition signed by 507 Nanton residents requesting the Government give priority to enforcing a regulated cost for utilities that would be affordable to all Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 109/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

504 letters, undated, from North Central Edmonton residents to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003
Sessional Paper 110/2003

Petition signed by 261 Edmonton residents expressing support for Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002
Sessional Paper 111/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 605 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates
Sessional Paper 112/2003

Graph entitled "Deregulation, Unplugged" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus, setting out Alberta actual electricity prices versus prices based on the Liberal Caucus low-cost plan from 2000 to 2003
Sessional Paper 113/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Sharon Babish of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding increased utility, car registration, telephone, and television cable costs
Sessional Paper 114/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated November 3, 2001, from Barry Milne of Calgary to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, requesting assistance in dealing with an injury claim with the Workers' Compensation Board
Sessional Paper 115/2003

Document, undated, entitled "WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Benefit Payments Listing, Subject: Milne, Barry/claim #365 2906"
Sessional Paper 116/2003

Fax dated January 2, 2002, from Debbie Shenkarek, Program Analyst, Public Security Division, Department of the Solicitor General, to Wayne Rhyason, Fraud Investigations, Workers' Compensation Board, regarding an alleged Workers' Compensation Board bribe claim made by Barry Milne
Sessional Paper 117/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, House of Commons, regarding a prima facie case of privilege in the House of Commons dated March 19, 2001, concerning a briefing on a Bill prior to its introduction
Sessional Paper 118/2003

Letter dated January 21, 2003, from Mark Asbell, Chair, Alberta Labour Relations Board, unaddressed, providing an update on the Labour Relations Board review of standard bargaining units in health care
Sessional Paper 119/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, with writer's name struck out, expressing concern regarding increased natural gas and electricity rates
Sessional Paper 120/2003

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated February 28, 2003, from Dave Caron, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, to parents in the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division regarding funding shortfalls
Sessional Paper 121/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

E-mail message dated March 4, 2003, from Jack Janssen, Special Advisor, Department of Justice and Attorney General, to Bev Alenius, Executive Assistant to the Speaker, providing a chronology of events surrounding the March 3, 2003 media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003
Sessional Paper 122/2003

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the question of privilege raised by Dr. Pannu on March 4, 2003, attaching a copy of the March 19, 2001 privilege ruling of the Speaker of the House of Commons concerning a briefing on a Bill prior to its introduction and the Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs concerning the same matter
Sessional Paper 123/2003

E-mail message dated March 5, 2003, from Charlotte Moran, Executive Assistant, Department of Energy, to Bev Alenius, Executive Assistant to the Speaker, attaching a copy of the overhead presentation used during the March 3, 2003 media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003
Sessional Paper 124/2003

Letter dated March 5, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing observations concerning the question of privilege raised on March 4, 2003 by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and attaching a copy of the PowerPoint presentation used during the March 3, 2003 media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 125/2003

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Chair is now prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Leader of the Third Party yesterday.

The Chair would like to note that in addition to the submissions that were put forward on this matter yesterday in the House, both the Leader of the Third Party and the Government House Leader have taken advantage of my invitation and submitted supplementary material to my office prior to 10 a.m. this morning. In addition, the Department of Energy submitted some information to my office about what transpired at the briefing, all of which I have already tabled for the benefit of Members.

As a preliminary matter, the Chair notes that the Leader of the Third Party provided written notice of his question of privilege to my office yesterday at 10:25 a.m., thereby fulfilling the two hour notice requirement under Standing Order 15(2). There was no dispute by the Government House Leader yesterday about this question being raised at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Leader of the Third Party has submitted that there has been a contempt of this Assembly. The Chair would like to remind Members that breaches of privilege and contempts of the Assembly are treated in the same manner and therefore, the process outlined in Standing Order 15 applies.

The Chair quotes from page 108 of the 22nd edition of Erskine May:

"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 carefully reviewed the discussion in yesterday's Hansard and the material provided this morning. The material facts in this matter are as follows:

There was a media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, that took place in this building on Monday, March 3 at 11 a.m. The media advisory for this briefing confirms that only media were invited and that Department officials were available to provide information and answer questions regarding Bill 19. The material provided to my office this morning from the Government indicates that there were no documents distributed to the media at the briefing but information about the contents of the Bill was provided.

Bill 19 appeared on notice for the first time on the Order Paper for Thursday, February 27. This Bill was introduced and received First Reading yesterday, March 4.

The Chair notes that the sponsor of this Bill is the Member from Innisfail-Sylvan Lake. However, this Bill is clearly a Government Bill and was moved to Government Bills and Orders on the Order Paper by resolution of this Assembly yesterday during the routine. Moreover, the February 26 direction to the Clerk's Office to place this Bill on notice in the Order Paper came from an official at Executive Council, not a Private Member.

The Leader of the Third Party advised this House yesterday that on Monday at noon, the media questioned him on information relating to Bill 19. To summarize his argument, the Leader of the Third Party asserts that his rights as a Member of this Assembly were interfered with in a serious way as he was not privy to the same information as the members of the media who had attended the briefing.

Honourable Members, it is the Speaker's role to find whether a case brought by a Member constitutes a prima facie question of privilege. This is a threshold role. The Speaker does not determine whether there is actually a breach of privilege or contempt as that is up to the Assembly. As Joseph Maingot states at page 221 in his work *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition):

“While the Speaker may find that a prima facie case of privilege exists and give the matter precedence in debate, it is the House alone that decides whether a breach of privilege or a contempt has occurred, for only the House has the power to commit or punish for contempt.”

In his presentation yesterday, the Leader of the Third Party referred extensively to the March 19, 2001 ruling by Speaker Milliken of the Canadian House of Commons at pages 1840-1 of *Commons Debates* for that day, that there had been a prima facie contempt of the House when the Federal Minister of Justice provided a technical briefing to the media about a Bill that was on notice and introduced following the briefing. That case is very, very similar to the case presented by the Honourable Third Party Leader yesterday. The only differences seem to be that in the House of Commons case, the briefing was the same day as the Bill was introduced and in the Bill 19 situation, the briefing was the day before introduction, and that the Bill here was introduced by a Private Member rather than a Minister.

In essence, Speaker Milliken found that once a Bill is on notice, media briefings are not allowed. To quote briefly from his ruling:

“The convention of the confidentiality of Bills on notice is necessary, not only so that Members themselves may be well informed, but also because of the pre-eminent role which the House plays and must play in the legislative affairs of the nation.”

Following his ruling, a motion was passed referring the matter to the House Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs which found that there had been a contempt of the House. The matter was effectively resolved in the Committee when the Minister apologized and indicated that she had instructed the Department not to provide advance copies of Bills, other materials or technical briefings until after a Bill was introduced.

As the Chair indicated yesterday, and as the Government House Leader pointed out in his written submission this morning, there is a March 7, 2000 ruling by this Speaker where a similar issue was raised about a media briefing on what then was Bill 11, prior to the introduction of the Bill. Based on the precedents that existed at that time, the Chair found that there was not a prima facie question of privilege.

Of course, since that time, there is the ruling by Speaker Milliken of the Canadian House of Commons. The Chair wants to make it very, very clear that the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta is not bound by decisions from the Canadian House of Commons or any other Assembly in Canada. This would be contrary to the nature of Canada's federal system. However, how could this Chair hold that the Canadian House of Commons and its Members are to be accorded greater respect and dignity than the Members of this Assembly? The role of the Chair cannot be to lessen the dignity and respect of this Assembly or its Members. This Chair agrees entirely with Speaker Milliken when he states:

“To deny to Members information concerning business that is about to come before the House, while at the same time providing such information to media that will likely be questioning Members about that business, is a situation that the Chair cannot condone.”

The Chair would also like to cite from the final paragraph of the House of Commons' Standing Committee Report where it states, and I quote:

“The rights of the House and its Members in this role are central to our constitutional and democratic government. This case should serve as a warning that our House will insist on the full recognition of its constitutional function and historic privileges across the full spectrum of government.”

Accordingly, the departmental briefing provided to the media concerning Bill 19 when the Bill was on notice but before it was introduced constitutes a prima facie question of privilege as it offends the dignity and authority of the Assembly. As the Chair has noted on many previous occasions, the principle of ministerial responsibility holds that Ministers are responsible for the actions of their officials and in turn are responsible to the Assembly for those acts. Strictly speaking, this constitutes a prima facie contempt of the Assembly, although it is treated in the same way as a breach of privilege.

The Chair would like to also briefly comment on the next steps in this process and make some comments about what this ruling does not say.

First, the Chair is not ruling that consultations on proposed legislation are out of order. This is not in any way the intention of the Chair's ruling nor the House of Commons' ruling nor the Committee that reported to the House of Commons. The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs stated at page 4 of its report that there are often extensive consultations at the policy development and legislative drafting stages of Bills which are exclusively within the purview of the Government. The Committee found that the House's interest arises when the notice of intention to introduce the Bill is given to the appropriate House officer.

Furthermore, the Committee found that the conventions concerning lock-ups for the Budget or the Auditor General's report were not affected.

Yesterday, the Government House Leader referred to a practice of the sharing of Bills with Opposition Members before introduction. The Committee addressed that issue too by saying that the adoption of a policy on briefings should not prevent the provision of courtesy copies of Government Bills on a confidential basis to Opposition critics shortly before their introduction.

Of course, these are matters that can be considered by a Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta if the appropriate motion is moved and passed by the Assembly.

I would expect that the Leader of the Third Party would put on notice a motion to refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing.

Regardless of the disposition of that motion, the Chair wants to strongly encourage Members to find a mechanism to address the broader issue of how inclusion in this technological age can be accomplished without violating the ancient privileges and rights of the Assembly. Honourable Members should be aware that as parliamentarians we have a duty to keep our practices and procedures in step with the developments in society. Committee consideration would provide Members with an opportunity to consider these issues. Some years ago, there was a Special Select Committee on Parliamentary Reform to consider certain issues of procedure such as the sub judice rule. Perhaps that Committee could be reconstituted or the matter referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing. The Chair wishes to stress that this is a matter of concern to all Members not just one caucus.

I would now refer the Leader of the Third Party to Standing Order 15(6) which provides for the next step in this process, namely, that a Member may give notice, not later than the conclusion of tomorrow's sitting, of a motion to deal with the matter further.

Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 15(6)

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move that the matter of the question of privilege raised on March 4, 2003 by the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona regarding the Energy Ministry media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, prior to it being introduced in the Legislature, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing to review the procedure to be followed in such cases, in light of the Speaker's ruling of March 7, 2000, and the ruling of Speaker Milliken of the House of Commons of March 19, 2001, and the subsequent report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

Mr. Mason indicated he was prepared to deal with the motion either today or the following day. At Mr. Speaker's request, Hon. Mr. Hancock indicated he would prefer to deal with the issue the following day.

The Speaker recognized Hon. Mr. Smith who apologized to Dr. Pannu indicating he absolutely had not intended to obstruct or impede the work of the Assembly or that of the Member.

The Speaker recognized Dr. Pannu who agreed to deal with the motion the following day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on March 4, 2003, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that it will cause inefficiency and confusion in the electricity production and delivery system and increase costs for Alberta consumers.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Pannu
Bonner	Massey	

Against the amendment: 46

Abbott	Haley	Nelson
Amery	Hancock	Oberg
Calahasen	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Hutton	Rathgeber
Cardinal	Jablonski	Renner
Coutts	Jacobs	Shariff
Danyluk	Klapstein	Smith
DeLong	Knight	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Tannas
Dunford	Mar	Taylor
Gordon	Marz	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Maskell	Vandermeer
Graham	McClellan	Woloshyn
Graydon	McFarland	Yankowsky
Griffiths		

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Renner
 Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau
 Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
 Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar
 Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:39 p.m. until Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Lois Hole Library Legacy Program.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding issues faced by women and International Women's Day, March 8, 2003.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2003.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding electronic health information records.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 53 Albertans requesting the Government revise the Public Health Act food establishment permit regulation in relation to bed-and-breakfast operations.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 10, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ4, WQ7.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR4, MR5, MR9, MR11.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail message dated March 5, 2003, from Karen Ferrari of Edmonton to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding education funding issues

Sessional Paper 126/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Chart dated January 2003, listing price comparisons on learning resource material purchased from the Department of Learning Resource Centre, National Book Service, and a private wholesaler

Sessional Paper 127/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated February 26, 2003, from David MacBain of Calgary to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding an increase in heating bills

Sessional Paper 128/2003

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Al Yarmoloy of Claresholm to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting an election be called

Sessional Paper 129/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers newsletter dated September 2002, entitled "Water Use by Alberta's Upstream Petroleum Industry"

Sessional Paper 130/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated March 4, 2003, from Lyn Palindat, Secretary, Kate Chegwin School Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg declining an invitation to participate in a public education forum

Sessional Paper 131/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

News release dated February 14, 2003, entitled "High Heating Bill a Reminder of Another Tory Broken Promise" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 132/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 152 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 133/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report in Response to Government Motion No. 9 in Relation to Matters Dealing With Order and Privileges of the Assembly, prepared by the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, dated November 25, 1987 (Sessional Paper 343/87)

Sessional Paper 134/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated March 3, 2003, from Jackie Powell of Lacombe to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding high utility costs

Sessional Paper 135/2003

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Newsletter dated May 29, 2002, entitled "The Lobbyist, Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta" prepared by Allan P. Jobson, with several attachments
Sessional Paper 136/2003

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Petition signed by over 1,000 Albertans requesting the Government enact legislation to identify Métis children within the Child Welfare Act
Sessional Paper 137/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 10 to March 13, 2003:

Monday, March 10	5:15 p.m.	- Throne Speech Engrossed and Presented to Her Honour
	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 21, 22, 23, 24 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 11	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Interim Supply Messages Second Reading Bill 12, 18, 22, 23, 24 Third Reading Bill 4, 5 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 6, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 And as per the Order Paper

- Wednesday, March 12 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 14, 20, 25
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 14, 20
Third Reading
 Bill 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Interim Estimates
 (Day 1 of 2)
Third Reading
 Bill 3
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, March 13 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Interim Estimates
 (Day 2 of 2)
Revert to Introduction of Bills
 Appropriation Interim Supply Act
 And as per the Order Paper

Point of Order

During a purported point of order, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, tabled the following on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Edmonton Journal article dated December 11, 2002, entitled "High living costs spark exodus to Alberta: 90,000 B.C.-ers migrate here between 1996-2001: Lotusland No More"

Sessional Paper 138/2003

Speaker's Statement - Time Limits in Debate

Before beginning the debate on the motion brought forward by the Honourable Leader of the Third Party, the Chair would like to review some procedural issues surrounding this motion. First, this motion is unique as it does not appear as a Government Motion or a Private Members' Motion. It has its own category on the Order Paper as matters of privilege are extremely important to the life of a Legislature. The last privilege motion the Chair recalls being debated in this Assembly was moved on May 12, 1994. Since then, the time limits of debate have changed through amendments to the Standing Orders. Now, under Standing Order 29(1), there is one set of speaking times for Government Bills and Motions and another set of time limits given for debate on Private Members' Motions and Bills under Standing Order 29(3). As this is a hybrid motion for which there is no existing provision the Chair must make a decision as provided for in Standing Order 2. Accordingly, the Chair finds that each Member speaking on the motion will be limited to 10 minutes. In reaching this decision, the Chair was influenced by the provisions for debating a matter of urgent public importance under Standing Order 30 where every Member is limited to 10 minutes. Like here, the Assembly is setting aside the ordinary business to debate something of great importance. For greater clarity, there will be no question and comment period after a Member speaks.

As a follow-up to the many questions from Members since yesterday's ruling, let me reiterate that there is nothing in the ruling that precludes consultations prior to a Bill going on notice. Putting a Bill on notice presumes that the Bill is in its final form. At that point it is the Members of the House who are to have first knowledge of the contents of the Bill. This occurs at First Reading.

As a consequence of the House's Standing Order 15(6), the Assembly now has a motion before it, if moved, that needs to be disposed of.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Motions Under Standing Order 15(6)**

Moved by Dr. Pannu:

That the matter of the question of privilege raised on March 4, 2003 by the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona regarding the Energy Ministry media briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, prior to it being introduced in the Legislature, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing to review the procedure to be followed in such cases, in light of the Speaker's ruling of March 7, 2000, and the ruling of Speaker Milliken of the House of Commons of March 19, 2001 and the subsequent report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Monday, March 10, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 10, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: One million Canadians employed in the restaurant and food services industry

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, Dan Holowaychuk, and coach Brian Moore on winning the 2003 Nokia Brier

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Mill Woods Community Patrol

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta Pandas hockey team on winning the 2003 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Professor Gerald Gall, O.C.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Monica Hughes, author who recently passed away

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Cam Tait of the Edmonton Journal

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, Acting Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Sister Theresa Carmel Slavik for the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act;

of Rev. Thanh K. Nguyen for the Forest Lawn Bible College Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 65 Fort McMurray residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 139/2003

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 10, 2003, signed by 147 residents and families of Sturgeon Foundation, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing concern regarding the Government's financial support for seniors housing and requesting financial support be increased

Sessional Paper 140/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Information sheet, undated, entitled "Re-elect Gene Zwozdesky"
Sessional Paper 141/2003

Program from the Alberta Wilderness Association 1st annual Spring Wilderness Celebration on March 8, 2003

Sessional Paper 142/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Excerpts from Occupational Health and Safety Magazine dated May 2001, September 2001, January 2002, and May 2002, regarding fatalities related to asbestos exposure

Sessional Paper 143/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 9, 2003

Sessional Paper 144/2003

Letter dated November 13, 2002, from John Patrick Day, President, Edmonton-Norwood Liberal Association, to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, attaching a submission responding to the Commission's Report

Sessional Paper 145/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 310 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 146/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter, undated, from Jill Hooke of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to increase education funding

Sessional Paper 147/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta's Famous 5" prepared by the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 148/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much of the \$25.5 million under-expenditure from Income Support to Individuals and Families, \$621,000 under-expenditure from the Widows' Pension Program, and \$8.8 million under-expenditure from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program outlined in the 2001-02 Alberta Human Resources and Employment annual report was spent on homeless shelters, additional system development costs, and salary increases respectively?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the breakdown of the money that will be used by the Government to match the Federal Government's \$67 million contribution to the affordable housing agreement signed in June 2002?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the current status of all integration of the Maintenance Enforcement case officers' computer systems and what is the plan for completing the integration?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ2. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What is the total amount of money the Department of Infrastructure has spent on un-tendered contracts between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002, what are the names of the individuals and companies who have received these un-tendered contracts, and what is the amount they each received as part of their contract?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ3, WQ5, WQ6, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR5. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All reports respecting the fish populations, including the populations of walleye and pike, and the general environmental health of Calling Lake prior to and after the April 1, 2002 start of the pilot project which allows approximately two-thirds of Calling Lake to be opened for the harvest of walleye and pike.

MR9. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Infrastructure policy on its contract management process.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Transportation policy on its contract management process.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Government Services between September 12, 2001 and January 14, 2003 regarding the establishment of a new system for issuing drivers' licenses in Alberta.

MR4. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the final report from the Correctional Services MLA Review Committee to the Solicitor General.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR2, MR3, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR10.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Rev. Abbott

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), debate adjourned, Rev. Abbott speaking.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the 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.

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky 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 her 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mrs. Jablonski:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and implement steps to strengthen Alberta's position within Confederation.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

503. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a financial incentive program to encourage first time home ownership.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Ms Evans

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

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

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

Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Mr. Cardinal

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 6th anniversary of 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Oral Question Period rules.

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the achievements of Team Alberta at the Canada Winter Games held February 22 to March 8, 2003 in Bathurst and Campbellton, New Brunswick.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2003.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 10, 2003, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 30 Albertans urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ7 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 2003:

What is the current status of all integration of the Maintenance Enforcement case officers' computer systems and what is the plan for completing the integration?

Sessional Paper 149/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

49 letters, undated, from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 150/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities

Sessional Paper 151/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Excerpts from Proceedings (In Chambers) dated August 1, 2002, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, between Ray Thomlinson and Robert P. Lee (Plaintiffs) and Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta, Iris Evans, Minister of Child Services, the Public Trustee and Her Majesty The Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta on Behalf of the Respondents 439 John Doe Being Minors (Defendants)

Sessional Paper 152/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated October 30, 2002, entitled "Ralph Klein supports civil disobedience, Premier reverses oft-stated policy by attending Lethbridge courthouse rally" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 153/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated February 25, 2003, from Dianne Strilaeff of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and requesting a subsidy

Sessional Paper 154/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Interim Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly,
Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 155/2003

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 42

Abbott	Griffiths	O'Neill
Ady	Horner	Ouellette
Amery	Jablonski	Renner
Boutilier	Jacobs	Shariff
Broda	Jonson	Smith
Cao	Knight	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Stevens
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Strang
DeLong	Lund	Tannas
Doerksen	Magnus	Taylor
Ducharme	Mar	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClellan	Vandermeer
Friedel	Melchin	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Nelson	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 5

Carlson	MacDonald	Taft
Pannu	Mason	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:56 p.m. until Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 2nd anniversary of 23 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 12, 2001.

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Captain Rod Kutney, Paul Hawes, Jason Fiissel, Jeff Deptuck, and Kurt Weare, Station 5 City of Edmonton firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and the heroic efforts of the firefighters who rescued those who were trapped

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne: Daryl Zelinski of Whitecourt who recently ran the Mardi Gras Marathon in New Orleans, Louisiana on behalf of Team Diabetes which collected \$165,000 in pledges for the Canadian Diabetes Association

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Opening of the Banner Village of Garrison Woods seniors residential facility in Calgary on March 6, 2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton police officers and firefighters for their heroic efforts in rescuing five firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and Red Cross Disaster Services for assisting tenants of the apartment building

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Parliamentary democracy and the work of Members of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: 100th annual Medicine Hat Curling Club Bonspiel

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 5 Edmonton firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade and subsequently rescued while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and the daily heroic efforts of all firefighters

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 63 Albertans requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 700 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 40.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Document, undated, entitled "Natural Gas Prices 2000 to Present"
Sessional Paper 156/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Diane Coburn of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding employment insurance deductions, child tax credits, and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 157/2003

Letter dated March 8, 2003, from Darlene Vinge of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 158/2003

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from David Vinge of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's response to education funding issues raised by Albertans

Sessional Paper 159/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated January 21, 2003, from Ray Klaschinsky of Calgary to Brad Jackson, Manager, Workplace Health and Safety, Department of Human Resources and Employment, requesting information regarding an asbestos investigation at the Holy Cross Hospital while Mr. Klaschinsky was an employee of the hospital

Sessional Paper 160/2003

E-mail message dated February 24, 2003, from Heather Waldie to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's response to education funding issues raised by Albertans

Sessional Paper 161/2003

Letter dated February 18, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government make a long-term commitment to fully funded quality public education

Sessional Paper 162/2003

Letter, undated, from Kelly Steeves, Chair, Riverview Public Education Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting an opportunity for the Coalition to share its views with Executive Council

Sessional Paper 163/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated December 13, 2002, signed by 27 residents of Meadowlark Seniors Lodge, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding rent and services increases and requesting an increase in Government funding to the Greater Edmonton Foundation, Housing for Seniors

Sessional Paper 164/2003

Letter dated February 21, 2003, from Wendy Girletz to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern over the closure of the high school, grain elevators, and health centre in Cereal and the possibility of the closure of the elementary school

Sessional Paper 165/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 3, 2003, from Margaret Fester of Hinton to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas

Sessional Paper 166/2003

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the regulations of the Natural Gas Price Protection Act to base the trigger for rebates on a monthly, not annual average price of natural gas.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery	Hancock	Melchin
Blakeman	Herard	Nelson
Calahasen	Hlady	Oberg
Cao	Horner	Pham
Cardinal	Hutton	Rathgeber
Carlson	Jablonski	Renner
Coutts	Jacobs	Smith
Danyluk	Jonson	Strang
DeLong	Knight	Tannas
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tarchuk
Dunford	Magnus	VanderBurg
Fritz	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Woloshyn
Graydon	McClellan	Yankowsky
Griffiths	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 3

Bonner	MacDonald	Massey
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On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

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

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

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Hlady

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 2 — Interim Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Graydon	Mar
Calahasen	Griffiths	Marz
Cao	Hancock	McClellan
Cardinal	Herard	McClelland
Coutts	Hlady	Oberg
Danyluk	Horner	Ouellette
DeLong	Hutton	Pham
Doerksen	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Jacobs	Renner
Dunford	Knight	Snelgrove
Fritz	Kryczka	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Renner reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:23 p.m. until Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Ross Family of Camrose for their efforts in raising awareness for the organ donation program.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding asbestos exposure and the Government's asbestos abatement policy.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Farm Safety Week, March 12-19, 2003.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommending that Edmonton lose one electoral riding.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 53 Calgary residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 17, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ3, WQ5, WQ6, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns: MR2, MR3, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR10.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 2003:

What is the breakdown of the money that will be used by the Government to match the Federal Government's \$67 million contribution to the affordable housing agreement signed in June 2002?

Sessional Paper 167/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Gerry Toller-Lobe of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's handling of several public education issues

Sessional Paper 168/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 19, 2003, from Ian Crichton of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's intention to proceed with public and private infrastructure partnerships

Sessional Paper 169/2003

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Phillip H. Walker of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for a motion passed by the City of Edmonton Council urging the Legislative Assembly to maintain 19 electoral divisions within Edmonton

Sessional Paper 170/2003

Document, undated, untitled, outlining financial issues faced by an unemployed, chronically ill, homeless person who is relying on financial assistance from the Supports for Independence (SFI) Program

Sessional Paper 171/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated February 17, 2003, from Tara Krys of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding inadequate funding for school boards and teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 172/2003

Letter dated February 19, 2003, from Lana Cuthbertson of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 173/2003

E-mail message dated February 25, 2003, from Dan Musica to Lynn Odynski, Edmonton Public School Board, expressing concern that his daughter's education will suffer as a result of the school board's financial difficulties

Sessional Paper 174/2003

E-mail message dated March 11, 2003, from Phillip H. Walker to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing support for a motion passed by the City of Edmonton Council urging the Legislative Assembly to maintain 19 electoral divisions within Edmonton

Sessional Paper 175/2003

E-mail message dated February 27, 2003, from Peter Schiavone of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding natural gas and power costs and requesting a rebate

Sessional Paper 176/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's recent letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, indicating phase one of a process to review auto insurance in Alberta is complete and the results may assist in stabilizing premiums

Sessional Paper 177/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 205 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 178/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 7, 2003, with writer's name struck out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding energy costs and thanking Mr. Mason for his efforts in this regard

Sessional Paper 179/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 17 to March 20, 2003:

Monday, March 17	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 27, 30
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 18	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 18, 26, 27, 28
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 27
		And as per the Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading / Committee of the Whole
 Bill 27
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 3, 19, 30
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 19 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole / Third Reading
 Bill 3, 19, 27
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole / Third Reading
 Bill 3, 19, 27
Third Reading
 Bill 30
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, March 20 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
 Bill 3, 19, 27
Government Motions
 Motion 13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Interim Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 12 agreed to by the Assembly on March 11, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Interim Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

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

For the motion: 36

Abbott	Graydon	Masyk
Calahasen	Haley	McClelland
Cao	Hancock	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Coutts	Hutton	Norris
DeLong	Johnson	O'Neill
Doerksen	Jonson	Pham
Dunford	Klapstein	Smith
Forsyth	Kryczka	Stelmach
Fritz	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Gordon	Mar	Woloshyn
Graham	Marz	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Massey	Taft
Mason		

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, 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, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

\$10,890,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Auditor General

\$5,195,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Office of the Ombudsman

\$590,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

\$600,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

\$120,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$990,000 Operating Expense

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$10,175,000 Operating Expense

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$139,655,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Children's Services

\$225,075,000 Operating Expense

Community Development

\$209,510,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$265,000 Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$11,445,000 Operating Expense

Energy

\$47,130,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Environment

\$29,340,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Executive Council

\$3,760,000 Operating Expense

Finance

\$20,925,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$20,635,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Gaming

\$47,000,000 Operating Expense

\$309,500,000 Lottery Fund Payments

Government Services

\$58,280,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Health and Wellness

\$1,849,835,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Human Resources and Employment

\$274,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$394,190,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$14,000,000 Capital Investment

Innovation and Science

\$43,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
 \$11,500,000 Capital Investment

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$1,940,000 Operating Expense

Justice

\$71,335,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$888,895,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
 \$30,000,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Municipal Affairs

\$64,525,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Revenue

\$11,345,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$73,115,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Solicitor General

\$66,840,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$91,635,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
 \$1,300,000 Capital Investment

Transportation

\$157,085,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
 \$63,260,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 180/2003

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Monday, March 17, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Don Clarke, C.M., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Ireland Fund of Canada, organizer of the Emerald Ball held on March 15, 2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Volunteers, coaches, and referees for their support and commitment to minor hockey

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Grand opening of the Trio Tan 'n Tone fitness centre on March 11, 2003 in Radway

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: 2003 Great Kids Awards held on March 16, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Edmonton Public Schools' 39th Night of Music entitled "A Musical Journey" held on March 12, 2003 at the Jubilee Auditorium

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Wheatland Select Organic Turkey Limited of Taber on winning a 2003 Alberta Business Award of Distinction on February 19, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 32 Calgary residents urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Danyluk

Bill 209 School (Fees Elimination) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Mason

Bill 210 Dental Care Review Committee Act — Mr. Masyk

Bill 211 Fair Trading (Telemarketing Licence) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. McClelland

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 16, 2003, from Victor Dorian of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 181/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Edmonton Public Schools' 39th Night of Music entitled "A Musical Journey" held on March 12, 2003 at the Jubilee Auditorium

Sessional Paper 182/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 12, 2003, from Maureen Santin of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 183/2003

E-mail message dated March 10, 2003, from Linda Hallworth of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's lack of vision surrounding education funding

Sessional Paper 184/2003

Letter dated March 13, 2003, from Mona Luth of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's disregard for public education

Sessional Paper 185/2003

E-mail message dated March 13, 2003, from Matt Rose of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the effect of education funding shortfalls at Centre High School and requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 186/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copy of a program from the 2003 Great Kids Awards held on March 16, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel

Sessional Paper 187/2003

Biographical information regarding the 2003 Great Kids Award winners

Sessional Paper 188/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Program from the 2003 Canadian Business Leader Awards held on March 13, 2003 at the Shaw Conference Centre

Sessional Paper 189/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 100 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 190/2003

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 15, 2003

Sessional Paper 191/2003

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 16, 2003

Sessional Paper 192/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2003, from Patricia Jansen to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in response to a letter dated October 24, 2002, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding energy deregulation and increased energy costs

Sessional Paper 193/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ3. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount *and range of achievement bonuses given to employees* in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for *the 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 fiscal years?*

WQ5. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Seniors Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount given as *achievement bonuses to employees* in the Alberta Seniors Ministry, *and what is the number of employees, broken down by range of the bonus amount, who received a bonus* for *the 2001-2002 fiscal year?*

WQ6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Government Services Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount *and range of achievement bonuses given to employees* in the Alberta Government Services Ministry *broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range, for the 2001-2002 fiscal year?*

WQ8. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus, within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?*

WQ9. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, Task Force on Children at Risk, Committee on Francophone Education Governance, Alberta Vocational Colleges Governance Task Force, Private Schools Funding Task Force, School Facilities Task Force, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?

WQ10. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range*?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR2. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of documents showing a specific breakdown of how much of the \$346,511,000 received by people on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped in the fiscal year 2001-2002 was given as cheques to recipients, how much was spent on medical costs, and how the remainder was spent.

MR3. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of expenses including, but not limited to, research fees, hosting fees, salaries, consulting fees, public relations, advertising costs, and meeting expenses for the following committees set up under the Report of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health: Committee on Collaboration and Innovation, Expert Advisory Panel to Review Publicly Funded Health Services, MLA Task Force on Health Care Funding and Revenue Generation, and the Health Reform Implementation Team.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of the bonuses paid to staff of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1992-93 to 2001-02 indicating the amounts of individual bonuses paid each year as well as the position held by the recipients of those bonuses.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the bonuses, *and the aggregate amount thereof*, paid to *managers and senior officials* of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1997-98 to 2000-01 *broken down by range of bonus amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR7. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the monthly statements for the credit cards used by the Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, each of the Assistant Deputy Ministers, the Special Policy Advisor, and each of the Minister's Executive Assistants from April 1, 1997 to December 31, 2002.

MR8. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all records prepared by, or for, the Government or its agents relating to the tendering process for any purchase or contract from or with Tecskor Software Inc., including the requests for proposals, since April 1, 1999.

MR10. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by, and for, Alberta Human Resources and Employment between May 2002 and January 30, 2003 concerning potential changes to the Supports for Income Program.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 2 in the proposed section 24.1 is amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) If a worker who is or has been a firefighter suffers an injury that is a primary site cancer of a type specified in the regulations, the injury shall be presumed to be an occupational disease, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a firefighter, unless the contrary is proven.

- (b) by striking out subsection (4) and substituting the following:
 - (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall make regulations
 - (a) designating primary site cancers to which the presumption in subsection (2) applies;
 - (b) prescribing periods of employment for the purpose of subsection (3) which may be different for the different diseases designated under clause (a).

- (c) by striking out subsection (5);

- (d) by striking out subsection (6) and substituting the following:

(6) The Board must prepare a report on the status of research on whether injuries that are designated in regulations under subsection (4) are occupational diseases, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a casual or part-time member of a fire protection service of a municipality or Métis settlement, and submit it to the Minister no later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section.

(7) The Minister shall table a copy of the report prepared under subsection (6) before the Legislative Assembly within 15 days of receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the beginning of the next sitting.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 45

Abbott	Horner	Nelson
Bonner	Jablonski	Nicol
Broda	Jacobs	Norris
Cenaiko	Klein	O'Neill
Danyluk	Lord	Ouellette
DeLong	Lougheed	Pannu
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Renner
Evans	Lund	Stevens
Forsyth	MacDonald	Strang
Friedel	Magnus	Tannas
Fritz	Marz	Tarchuk
Griffiths	Mason	Taylor
Haley	Massey	VanderBurg
Herard	Masyk	Vandermeer
Hlady	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 0

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

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

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill) — Agreed to on division

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(2) to allow the Assembly to resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a financial incentive program to encourage first time home ownership.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

504. Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to establish its own regional police service, including a regional police commissioner, by 2007.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Second time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill infringes on the rights of workers in an unreasonable way.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 27 being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Abbott	Jacobs	Norris
Ady	Johnson	Ouellette
Broda	Knight	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Smith
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Dunford	Mar	Strang
Forsyth	Masyk	Taylor
Friedel	McClelland	VanderBurg
Graham	McFarland	Vandermeer
Herard	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:25 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Canadian Firearms Registry.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of retaining inventors, entrepreneurs, and creative people in Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding education funding.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding global conflict.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Griffiths

Bill Pr2 Forest Lawn Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 27, 2003, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 195/2003

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on February 27, 2003, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 196/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

59 letters, undated, from Calgary and area residents to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 197/2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Newsletter insert dated April 2003, entitled "Collaboration with Government" prepared by Dr. Brendan J. Croskery, Chief Superintendent, Calgary Board of Education

Sessional Paper 198/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

CEP (Communications, Energy and Paperworkers) Energy Policy adopted at the Convention of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, September 2002

Sessional Paper 199/2003

E-mail message dated March 11, 2003, from Robbie White of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding rising post-secondary education tuition costs

Sessional Paper 200/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

University of Calgary Future Directions web page containing a document dated March 4, 2002, entitled "Academic Plan and Budget Restructuring Updates" prepared by Harvey P. Weingarten, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 201/2003

Copies of 20 postcards signed by Edmonton residents expressing concern regarding rising tuition fees at the University of Alberta, prepared by the University of Alberta Students' Union

Sessional Paper 202/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Media release dated March 9, 2003, entitled "Lifting the Silence: Suicide Affects Us All" regarding Suicide Awareness Week, March 9-15, 2003, with attached information sheet entitled "Suicide in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 203/2003

Letter dated November 26, 2002, from Claire Crummy of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, urging Canada not to support the United States' intentions to invade Iraq

Sessional Paper 204/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

10 e-mail messages dated March 10, 2003 and March 11, 2003, from University of Calgary students to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Board of Governors, University of Calgary, expressing concern regarding rising tuition costs at the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 205/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Document, undated, entitled "Planning 2003-2004, McCauley School" prepared by the City Centre Education Project

Sessional Paper 206/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:51 p.m. until Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Royal Canadian Legion, Cadomin Branch 124, which will be celebrating its 70th anniversary on March 23, 2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: 11-year old Richard Christensen of Red Deer for receiving the National Gateway Safety Net Publications Award for saving his home from fire

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held throughout Canada from March 10-23, 2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: 25th annual Edmonton Journal Indoor Games

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Provincial K1 ski competition held at Sunshine Village on March 15 and 16, 2003

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Lac La Biche Fisheries Enhancement Group

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Parent school councils and parent advocacy groups

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 31 Calgary residents urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 19, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Celia Smith, Chair of the Board of Directors, Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations, offering congratulations on the launch of their annual campaign for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sessional Paper 207/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated December 11, 2002, from Darcy Handy of Grande Cache to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding drilling, development, and environmental issues in the caribou zone of the Grande Cache area

Sessional Paper 208/2003

Letter dated February 7, 2003, from Aileen Pelzer of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing concern regarding development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 209/2003

Letter dated January 14, 2003, from Eileen Patterson of Canmore to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 210/2003

850 letters signed by people from several countries to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the declining grizzly population and requesting the status of grizzly bears be upgraded to "threatened with extinction"

Sessional Paper 211/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses research paper, undated, entitled "Still in the Dark" relating to the impact of electricity deregulation and pricing on Alberta businesses

Sessional Paper 212/2003

Document dated January 7, 2003, entitled "Profile of Alberta Seniors" listing a wide range of statistics regarding seniors in Alberta

Sessional Paper 213/2003

Letter, undated, from Deborah A. LePage of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding increased class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 214/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Vern Griesheimer of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding increased class sizes

Sessional Paper 215/2003

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to all Alberta school boards, outlining the steps the Government is taking regarding international travel in view of the impending war with Iraq and requesting schools exercise caution with travel plans for students

Sessional Paper 216/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Marilyn and Marvin Bercovich of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the loss of a teacher's aide in her autistic son's classroom

Sessional Paper 217/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated March 5, 2003, from R.H. Foerger of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing concern regarding school board funding shortages

Sessional Paper 218/2003

E-mail message dated March 11, 2003, from Roger Abbott to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's actions and comments relating to education issues and requesting Dr. Oberg be removed from the Learning Ministry portfolio

Sessional Paper 219/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 19, 2003, from Katherine Koch and Sharon Enslen of Edmonton to Riverdale area residents outlining the impact of funding shortfalls at Riverdale School

Sessional Paper 220/2003

Document, undated, entitled "Planning 2003-2004, McCauley School" prepared by the City Centre Education Project

Sessional Paper 221/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the Bill be amended by striking out section 4.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Against the amendment: 40

Ady	Haley	Maskell
Amery	Hancock	McClellan
Boutilier	Hlady	Nelson
Calahasen	Hutton	Oberg
Cao	Jablonski	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jacobs	Pham
Danyluk	Klapstein	Rathgeber
DeLong	Kryczka	Renner
Doerksen	Lord	Smith
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Fritz	Magnus	Vandermeer
Gordon	Mar	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Marz	Yankowsky
Graydon		

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 5, in the proposed section 162.1(1), by striking out clause (f).

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Against the amendment: 41

Ady	Hancock	Nelson
Amery	Hlady	Oberg
Calahasen	Hutton	O'Neill
Cao	Jablonski	Pham
Cardinal	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Klapstein	Renner
DeLong	Knight	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Strang
Fritz	Magnus	VanderBurg
Gordon	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Woloshyn
Graydon	Maskell	Yankowsky
Haley	McClellan	

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 5, in the proposed section 162.1, by striking out subsection (3).

A debate followed on the amendment

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson	Nicol	

Against the amendment: 39

Ady	Graydon	Maskell
Amery	Haley	McClellan
Boutilier	Hancock	Nelson
Calahasen	Hlady	Oberg
Cao	Hutton	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jablonski	Ouellette
Danyluk	Klapstein	Pham
DeLong	Knight	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Kryczka	Renner
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Smith
Fritz	Magnus	VanderBurg
Gordon	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Woloshyn

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 17(c) by striking out “relative economic merit” and substituting “marginal cost”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
Carlson		

Against the amendment: 36

Amery	Graydon	McClellan
Calahasen	Griffiths	McFarland
Cao	Hancock	Melchin
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Danyluk	Hutton	O'Neill
DeLong	Jablonski	Pham
Doerksen	Klapstein	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Knight	Renner
Dunford	Kryczka	Smith
Fritz	Magnus	Strang
Gordon	Marz	Tarchuk
Goudreau	Maskell	Woloshyn

A debate followed on the main motion.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 10:45 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

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

For the motion: 31

Amery	Graydon	McClellan
Calahasen	Griffiths	Melchin
Cao	Hancock	Nelson
Cardinal	Hlady	O'Neill
Danyluk	Hutton	Pham
DeLong	Jablonski	Renner
Doerksen	Klapstein	Smith
Ducharme	Kryczka	Strang
Dunford	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fritz	Marz	Woloshyn
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
Carlson		

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Klapstein, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 222/2003

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 223/2003

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 224/2003

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 225/2003

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 226/2003

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 227/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the devastating fire in Old Strathcona on March 13, 2003.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 14th anniversary of 7 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989.

Members' Statements

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Alberta's water resources.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2003.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding skier Dave Irwin and the first Dash for Cash downhill ski race at Sunshine Village to raise funds for the Dave Irwin Brain Injury Foundation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the current conflict in Iraq.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government establish a provincially subsidized monthly transit pass program for low income Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 24, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document, undated, entitled "Old Scona Academic Funding Overview"
Sessional Paper 228/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

18 letters, e-mails, and utility bills, with all names and addresses struck out, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and electricity
Sessional Paper 229/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report dated February 2002, entitled "California Shorts a Circuit, Should Canadians Trust the Wiring Diagram?" prepared by Mark Jaccard of the C.D. Howe Institute
Sessional Paper 230/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Laura Webster of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding school board funding cutbacks
Sessional Paper 231/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Kevin Whitten, Chair, School Council, Kenilworth Junior High School, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding cuts to the school's budget
Sessional Paper 232/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from Karen Ferrari of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting that Mr. Klein and Dr. Oberg apologize to Mrs. Ferrari and other parents for disrespect shown by Members of the Legislative Assembly when they were introduced as guests in the Legislative Assembly on March 19, 2003
Sessional Paper 233/2003

Letter dated March 7, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, thanking Mr. Zwozdesky for attending a forum on education at Kate Chegwin School and requesting Mr. Zwozdesky present Ms Shapiro's concerns to the Government regarding funding for education
Sessional Paper 234/2003

Letter dated March 13, 2003, from Jenn Hoogewoonink of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding
Sessional Paper 235/2003

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Linda A. Telgarsky of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding and teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 236/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 24 to March 27, 2003:

Monday, March 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 14, 16 Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 27 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 27 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 3, 19, 27

Speaker's Statement - Order for Consideration of Private Members' Bills

In light of recent questions to my office regarding the order of business for Private Members' Bills, the Chair would like to provide some clarification for all Members regarding the sequence in which the Private Members' Bills will be called for debate this Monday, March 24.

Standing Order 9(1) states that all items standing on the Order Paper, with the exception of Government Bills and Orders, shall be taken up according to precedence. As all Members are aware, Standing Order 8(5) provides that a Private Member's Bill must be called in Committee of the Whole within 8 sitting days of receiving Second Reading and within 4 sitting days after being reported from Committee of the Whole.

Sometimes these timelines will conflict depending upon the progress of various Bills. In such cases, the order of precedence is determined by the date and time that the Assembly or the Committee of the Whole has made its decisions in respect of the Bills. Therefore, given that Bill 201 received Third Reading on March 10, it must be the first item of business called on Monday afternoon.

Committee of the Whole consideration on Bill 203 will then follow and, if time permits, the next item of business to be called will be Third Reading of Bill 202.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Haley	McClelland
Boutilier	Hancock	Rathgeber
Broda	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hutton	Snelgrove
Cardinal	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Klapstein	Strang
Danyluk	Lord	Tannas
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Mar	Taylor
Fritz	Maskell	VanderBurg
Gordon	Masyk	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Griffiths		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Nicol
Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Massey	

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Pursuant to Government Motion 15 agreed to on March 20, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:22 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Abbott	Haley	O'Neill
Broda	Hancock	Rathgeber
Calahasen	Hutton	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Danyluk	Lougheed	Strang
Forsyth	Mar	Tarchuk
Friedel	Maskell	Taylor
Fritz	Masyk	VanderBurg
Gordon	McClellan	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClelland	Woloshyn
Griffiths		

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003

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

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 237/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:37 p.m. until Monday, March 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 24, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Alberta's relations with the United States, Australia, and England and the current conflict in Iraq.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Recognitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Edmonton Coalition Against War and Racism for organizing a peace rally attended by over 18,000 people in Edmonton on March 22, 2003

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Grand Opening of the Beaupre Community Hall on March 22, 2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Deanna Thompson who was awarded the M.G. Griffiths plaque by the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada for her efforts in assisting more than 30 victims of an explosion at a Bali nightclub on October 12, 2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 9th annual Spring Into Spring Extravaganza presented by the Ernest Manning High School music department at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on March 17, 2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw: Team Alberta for winning the Abby Hoffman Cup at the 2003 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, March 12-16, 2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Victoria School of Performing Arts

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Conflict between the United States and Iraq

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 54 Calgary residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 33 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
 Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
 Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao
 Bill 212 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Education Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Vandermeer
 Bill 213 Canada Pension Plan Opting Out Act — Mr. Griffiths
 Bill 214 Matrimonial Property (Division of Property on Death) Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham
 Bill 219 Alberta Commission on the Status of Men Act — Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Yankowsky

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 33 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
 Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
 Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 22, 2003, from Elizabeth Anne Hayward to Sirs and Mesdames expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting the Government increase funding

Sessional Paper 238/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 12, 2003, from Dennis C. Floate of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to further commercial development of the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 239/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document entitled “Key Messages” from the Zone 23 MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Meeting on March 21, 2003 between MLAs and school boards

Sessional Paper 240/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 202 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 241/2003

Letter dated February 23, 2003, from Shirley Clarke of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 242/2003

Letter, undated, from Nadia A. Munarolo-Kurjata of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 243/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Document dated March 24, 2003, entitled "Liberal Record-Time Allocation and Closure" setting out the number of times time allocation and closure have been used in the House of Commons from the 1st Session of the 35th Parliament to the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament

Sessional Paper 244/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 postcards from Stacey Pelechaty, S. Dobrotsky, and Anna Nascimento, all of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 245/2003

2 postcards from Robin Roy and Carla Spinola, both of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 246/2003

2 postcards from Val West and Mario Nascimento, both of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to education issues

Sessional Paper 247/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

E-mail message dated March 24, 2003, from Barbara Toombs to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing opposition to Alberta's support of the United States' involvement in the war with Iraq

Sessional Paper 248/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing disappointment with the Government's decision not to endorse the Vision, Principle and Fiscal Framework developed by the Government and Alberta municipalities

Sessional Paper 249/2003

Document dated March 19, 2003, outlining details of a ruling by Judge Allen Schwartz, United States Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, concerning Talisman Energy's motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought against them on behalf of southern Sudanese plaintiffs

Sessional Paper 250/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Charles B. Davison of Edmonton to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, and Hon. Bill Graham, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressing support for Canada's decision not to become involved in the conflict between the United States and Iraq

Sessional Paper 251/2003

Letter, undated, signed by 139 Albertans, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Mr. Klein sending a letter of support to His Excellency Paul Cellucci, United States Ambassador to Canada, concerning the conflict between the United States and Iraq

Sessional Paper 252/2003

10 e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the conflict between the United States and Iraq and to a letter of support from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to His Excellency Paul Cellucci, United States Ambassador to Canada, concerning the conflict between the United States and Iraq

Sessional Paper 253/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ11, WQ12.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR12, MR13.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

After some time spent therein, the question was put on the clauses of Bill 203, School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Ady	Horner	McFarland
Cao	Jablonski	O'Neill
Carlson	Lukaszuk	Renner
DeLong	Marz	Strang
Dunford	Maskell	Taft
Evans	Massey	Taylor
Griffiths	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Herard	McClelland	

Against the motion: 18

Broda	Haley	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Jonson	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Knight	Stelmach
Friedel	Lougheed	Stevens
Graham	Melchin	Tarchuk
Graydon	Norris	Vandermeer

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to establish its own regional police service, including a regional police commissioner, by 2007.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

505. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an organization similar to the Clean Air Strategic Alliance for Alberta's water supply to ensure that Alberta's water supply is maintained at the highest standards possible.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hlady	Norris
Broda	Horner	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Ouellette
Coutts	Johnson	Renner
Ducharme	Jonson	Snelgrove
Dunford	Knight	Stelmach
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Taylor
Graham	McClelland	Vandermeer
Graydon	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 32

Ady	Herard	O'Neill
Broda	Hlady	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Horner	Renner
Coutts	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Jonson	Stelmach
Dunford	Knight	Stevens
Evans	Lougheed	Strang
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Taylor
Friedel	McClelland	Vandermeer
Graham	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Graydon	Norris	

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 9:44 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Pursuant to Government Motion 16 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:46 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hlady	Norris
Broda	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Renner
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Ducharme	Jonson	Snelgrove
Dunford	Knight	Stelmach
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Taylor
Graham	McClelland	Vandermeer
Graydon	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner	MacDonald	

Pursuant to Government Motion 16 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:58 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 16 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:58 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 254/2003

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 255/2003

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 11:00 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Pursuant to Government Motion 14 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hlady	Norris
Broda	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Renner
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Ducharme	Jonson	Snelgrove
Dunford	Knight	Stelmach
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Taylor
Graham	McClelland	Vandermeer
Graydon	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner		

Pursuant to Government Motion 14 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:15 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 14 agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:15 a.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

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

Amendment to Bill 3 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on March 19, 2003) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 256/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:17 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding students in the Edmonton-Whitemud constituency receiving the most scholarships in Alberta and the efforts of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in working with teachers and trustees to improve the education system.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding minimum wage, small business, and the earned income tax credit.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team winning 4 consecutive Canadian National College volleyball championships.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the armed forces and the economic costs of Alberta separatism.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 53 Calgary residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 42 Calgary residents urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

38 recent letters from Edmonton and area residents expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 257/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 17, 2003, from Kelly Collins of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the Government's refusal to fund teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 258/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 23, 2003, from Samir Sleiman, President, World Lebanese Cultural Union, Edmonton Chapter, unaddressed, expressing opposition to comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the conflict between the United States and Iraq

Sessional Paper 259/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Proposed Notice of Amendment to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, dated March 12, 2003

Sessional Paper 260/2003

German ballot dated September 19, 2002, noting that German elections allow for a vote for a specific person from a particular party and for a party to determine the distribution of seats

Sessional Paper 261/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Deborah Maidens of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding education under-funding

Sessional Paper 262/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Betty Tettersington of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and large class sizes

Sessional Paper 263/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 11, 2003, from Maureen Santin of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 264/2003

Letter dated March 11, 2003, from Maureen Santin of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding children's futures and education funding

Sessional Paper 265/2003

E-mail message dated March 12, 2003, from Susan Hannon of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding cutbacks

Sessional Paper 266/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from Janet Haley Sperling of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and education funding

Sessional Paper 267/2003

Letter dated March 22, 2003, from Elizabeth Anne Hayward of Edmonton to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, Don Fleming, Chairman, Edmonton Public School Board, and Lynn Odynski, Trustee, Edmonton Public School Board, expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting the Government increase education funding

Sessional Paper 268/2003

Letter, undated, from Elizabeth Hendriksen of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding in relation to the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 269/2003

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Marie Bergeron of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding in relation to the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 270/2003

Letter dated March 11, 2003, from Kathy Pontus of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the fiscal responsibility of teachers and school staff, increased class sizes, and cuts in education funding

Sessional Paper 271/2003

2 postcards from Stacey Pelechaty and Monika Koch, both of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and class sizes

Sessional Paper 272/2003

5 postcards from Edmonton residents expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 273/2003

2 postcards from S. Samuels and Stacey Pelechaty, both of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to education issues

Sessional Paper 274/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated March 23, 2003, from the World Lebanese Cultural Union, Edmonton Chapter, unaddressed, expressing opposition to comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the conflict between the United States and Iraq

Sessional Paper 275/2003

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Information booklet entitled "Direct Energy is Coming Home to Alberta" prepared by Centrica and Direct Energy

Sessional Paper 276/2003

Pamphlet entitled "ATCO Delivers... more energy choices for Albertans, introducing Direct Energy" prepared by ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric
Sessional Paper 277/2003

Direct Energy web page displaying an advertisement for energy contracts
Sessional Paper 278/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering the proposed section 5.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Blakeman
MacDonald

Mason

Taft

Against the amendment: 37

Abbott	Goudreau	Lund
Ady	Griffiths	Magnus
Amery	Haley	McClelland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	Oberg
Calahasen	Horner	O'Neill
Cao	Hutton	Shariff
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Strang
Coutts	Johnson	Tannas
Danyluk	Knight	Taylor
DeLong	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Yankowsky
Dunford		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Mr. Ouellette

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

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

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

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill discriminates against employees of regional health authorities by taking away the right to strike and the right to termination pay.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Bob Clark, recent recipient of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal for his service to Alberta over the past 32 years

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Fans at the March 22, 2003 Calgary Flames and March 23, 2003 Edmonton Oilers hockey games for their positive response to the American national anthem

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Davis Cup event organized by Tennis Canada to be held in Calgary, April 4-6, 2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World Theatre Day, March 27, 2003

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Magrath Zeniths on winning the 2003 4A Boys' Provincial Basketball Championship

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Youth Forum held in Red Deer on March 26, 2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Quinn Grundy, an Albertan attending an international school in India, and her classmates for writing and recording a song about peace in reaction to the conflict in Iraq

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 proposed Notices of Amendment to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, dated March 4, 2003 and March 12, 2003, prepared by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar

Sessional Paper 279/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Presentation to Alberta's Commission on Learning, prepared by Steven Brodie
Sessional Paper 280/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 21, 2003, from Dr. Francis Landy of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the impact of education under-funding at Dr. Landy's son's school and requesting a response to an attached letter dated February 9, 2003, from Dr. Landy to Dr. Oberg

Sessional Paper 281/2003

Letter dated March 19, 2003, from Marcia Barker of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting the Government re-evaluate how funds are allocated to school boards

Sessional Paper 282/2003

E-mail message dated March 20, 2003, from Janet Haley Sperling of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and education funding

Sessional Paper 283/2003

E-mail message dated March 13, 2003, from Denise Palmer of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 284/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Pamphlet entitled "Public Education, The Right Answer" prepared by the Zone 23 school boards

Sessional Paper 285/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

49 letters dated March 21, 2003, from parents of children attending King Edward Elementary School to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding to the Edmonton Public School Board resulting from the Government's decision not to fully fund the 2002 arbitrated teachers' settlement

Sessional Paper 286/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from the Board of the Strathcona Nursery School to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding a proposed rent increase in their facility located in King Edward Elementary School as a result of funding shortfalls faced by the school

Sessional Paper 287/2003

Letter dated March 17, 2003, from Heather Craig, teacher, Strathcona Nursery School, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and Svend Hansen, Vice Chairman, Edmonton Public School Board, requesting a review of a proposed change to lease rate categories that would classify preschools and daycares together

Sessional Paper 288/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 12, 2003, from Linda Hughes of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting a response to an attached letter dated February 8, 2003, from Ms Hughes to Dr. Oberg, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 289/2003

Media release dated March 25, 2003, entitled "UNA (United Nurses of Alberta) demands RHA (Regional Health Authority) CEO (Chief Executive Officer) be fired - Misleading statements to MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) not consistent with position of responsibility" prepared by Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, and letter dated March 25, 2003, from Ms Smith to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Ernie Isley, Chair, Board of Directors, Lakeland Regional Health Authority, requesting Pearl Babiuk, CEO, Lakeland Regional Health Authority, be removed from office

Sessional Paper 290/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purposes of reconsidering the proposed section 1 and proposed section 20.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

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

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill will leave consumers vulnerable to entrenched high natural gas prices without consumer protection.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Against the amendment: 38

Amery	Graydon	Marz
Boutilier	Griffiths	Maskell
Broda	Haley	McClellan
Calahasen	Hancock	Nelson
Cardinal	Hlady	Oberg
Coutts	Hutton	Ouellette
DeLong	Jablonski	Pham
Doerksen	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Dunford	Klapstein	Smith
Fritz	Knight	VanderBurg
Gordon	Kryczka	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Magnus	Yankowsky
Graham	Mar	

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on behalf of Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

The question being put on the amendment to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, introduced by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on March 26, 2003, the amendment was defeated.

A debate followed on the main motion.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Third time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill will leave consumers vulnerable to spikes in electricity prices.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

For the motion: 33

Amery	Graydon	Maskell
Broda	Griffiths	McClellan
Calahasen	Hancock	Melchin
Cao	Hutton	Nelson
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberg
Coutts	Jacobs	Pham
DeLong	Klapstein	Rathgeber
Dunford	Knight	Strang
Evans	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	Woloshyn
Graham	Marz	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 3

Blakeman	MacDonald	Mason
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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27, 2003

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 His Honour Edward Glancefield (Ted) Hole, husband of Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, C.M., Lieutenant Governor, who passed away on March 26, 2003.

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding His Honour Edward Glancefield (Ted) Hole, who passed away on March 26, 2003.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Canadian unity.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding small business entrepreneurs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding auto insurance premiums.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-fifth Legislature,
Second Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), February 2002 - November 2002
Sessional Paper 291/2003

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 7, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Glen Allan School Council Executive to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, praising Ms Evans for her commitment to children and expressing concern regarding teachers' pay increases
Sessional Paper 292/2003

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Report dated March 2003, entitled "Small Business Research, In Search of Canada's Small Business Hotbeds" prepared by Tim O'Neill, Chief Economist, BMO Financial Group

Sessional Paper 293/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 294/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Document, undated, entitled "Earl Buxton 2002-2003, Plan for 2003-2004" listing information regarding teaching positions and class sizes

Sessional Paper 295/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Chad R. Willms of Lethbridge to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding development in the Evan-Thomas Recreation Area in the Kananaskis Valley

Sessional Paper 296/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Michael Kurjata of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 297/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Dean Rosychuk of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding at Kenilworth School for the 2003-2004 school year, large class sizes, and a reduction in teaching positions

Sessional Paper 298/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 21, 2003, from Trina Chrzanowski, President, Green Circle Preschool, also signed by 22 Edmonton residents, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the impact of a classroom lease rate increase on the preschool

Sessional Paper 299/2003

Letter dated March 25, 2003, from Patricia Unsworth of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and requesting the Government restore adequate funding to public schools

Sessional Paper 300/2003

E-mail message dated March 25, 2003, from Donna Provost of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 301/2003

E-mail message dated March 25, 2003, from Ryan Dunkley of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the impact of education under-funding on extra-curricular school activities

Sessional Paper 302/2003

E-mail message dated March 24, 2003, from Judith L. Nyrose to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the funding shortfall for the arbitrated settlement for teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 303/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Donald Smith, Professor of History, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, requesting the Government establish a policy of consulting with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation when naming provincial parks

Sessional Paper 304/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from William H. Percy of Stettler to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, expressing concern regarding the high cost of utilities and expressing opposition to energy deregulation

Sessional Paper 305/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 7 to April 10, 2003:

Monday, April 7	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions
		Motion 17
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 23, 24
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 22
		Third Reading
		Bill 22
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 8	3:30 pm	- Messages
		Government Motions
		Motion 18, 19
		Budget Address

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| | Eve. | - Government Motions
Motion 13, 19
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 33, 34, 35
And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, April 9 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of Supply
Legislative Assembly Estimates
Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24)
Revenue (Designated)
And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24)
Innovation and Science
And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, April 10 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24)
Gaming (Designated)
And as per the Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Ms Evans

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Ms Evans

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

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

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

Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10 agreed to on March 27, 2003, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:09 p.m. until Monday, April 7, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: 50th anniversary of the Call of the Land radio program

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance: Catriona LeMay Doan and Jeremy Witherspoon for being named the female and male 2002 Athletes of the Year by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Partners for Science Program offered to students in Elk Island Public and Catholic schools

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: 2002 Alberta Sports Awards Banquet organized by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Weldwood of Canada Recreation Program

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Marilyn Barraclough of Black Diamond, recipient of a 2002 Sport Volunteer Recognition Award by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Larry Booi, outgoing President of the Alberta Teachers' Association

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 120 Albertans requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Committee of Supply Calendar for the 3rd Session of the 25th Legislature, Spring 2003

Sessional Paper 306/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Daily Herald-Tribune article dated March 26, 2003, entitled “Education in crisis, Public school board forced up against the wall”

Sessional Paper 307/2003

Report, undated, entitled “The City Centre Education Project in Edmonton” prepared by Melanie Shapiro

Sessional Paper 308/2003

Letter dated April 7, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children’s Services, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and its effect on the City Centre Education Project

Sessional Paper 309/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the 2002 Alberta Sports Awards Banquet held on April 3, 2003

Sessional Paper 310/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Balancing Pool of Alberta web page dated April 6, 2003, entitled "MAP II Final Summary"

Sessional Paper 311/2003

Letter, undated, from Patti Skolski of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the public education system

Sessional Paper 312/2003

Letter, undated, from Andrea Holmstrom of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 313/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner Interim Annual Report for 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 314/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 315/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR12, MR13.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 24

Ady	Griffiths	Masyk
Boutilier	Hlady	McClelland
Calahasen	Horner	McFarland
Cao	Lund	O'Neill
Carlson	MacDonald	Taft
Cenaiko	Marz	Tannas
DeLong	Maskell	VanderBurg
Dunford	Massey	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 21

Abbott	Hancock	Pham
Broda	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Knight	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stevens
Friedel	Melchin	Strang
Goudreau	Ouellette	Tarchuk
Haley	Pannu	Vandermeer

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an organization similar to the Clean Air Strategic Alliance for Alberta's water supply to ensure that Alberta's water supply is maintained at the highest standards possible.

A debate followed.

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

506. Moved by Mr. Herard on behalf of Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore new means of helping students finance their post-secondary education including the establishment of a provincial education savings plan to supplement Canada's Registered Education Savings Plan.

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Assembly be amended as follows:

1. Standing Order 7(1) is amended by adding "Tablings to the Clerk" after "Tabling Returns and Reports"
2. Standing Order 37.1(2) is amended by striking out "Tabling Returns and Reports" and substituting "Tablings to the Clerk"
3. Standing Order 58(5) is amended by striking out "immediately after Orders of the Day are called" and substituting "not later than 3:10 p.m. provided that Orders of the Day have already been called"
4. This motion comes into force April 7, 2003.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Cenaiko on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

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

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

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 1st anniversary of the Member for Wainwright elected on April 8, 2002.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Immigrants of Distinction Awards presented by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards night on April 5, 2003.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement congratulating the members of Nickelback, Chad Kroeger, Mike Kroeger, Ryan Peake, and Ryan Vikedal on winning a 2003 Juno Award.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding proposed well sites in the Hastings Lake area.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated March 27, 2003, from Tina Dmytryshyn, J.A. Fife School Council, to Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, attaching 125 letters dated March 26, 2003, from parents of students at J.A. Fife School expressing concern regarding the impact of public education under-funding

Sessional Paper 316/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

3 recent letters from Garry Dearing, Reeve, County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, His Worship Don Montgomery, Mayor, City of Wetaskiwin, and Her Worship Laurie Linaker, Mayor, Town of Millet, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Final Report of the 2002/2003 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission proposing the Town of Millet be re-allocated to a new Calmar-Drayton Valley-Millet constituency

Sessional Paper 317/2003

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Copy of a petition signed by 100 Drayton Valley residents requesting the Government de-insure abortion

Sessional Paper 318/2003

Mr. Cernaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from His Worship Dave Bronconnier, Mayor, City of Calgary, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 319/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 4, 2003, from R.J. (Bob) Gray, General Manager, Edmonton Klondike Days Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the effect of increased electricity costs on their non-profit organization

Sessional Paper 320/2003

Letter dated November 21, 2002, from Wendy Sauvé of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding, and requesting clarification on, the distribution of Alberta lottery funds

Sessional Paper 321/2003

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003

News release dated February 15, 2002, entitled "Leaked Document Reveals Plot to Undermine the Alberta Government's Tobacco Control Strategy" prepared by ASH (Action on Smoking and Health)

Sessional Paper 322/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from B.A. Baer of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government further invest in healthcare, and public and post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 323/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 324/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:48 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003 — 3:30 P.M.

Budget Address

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2003-04 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2003-04 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates
Sessional Paper 325/2003

2003-04 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates
Sessional Paper 326/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 327/2003

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Alberta 2003 Budget Business Plans
Sessional Paper 328/2003

19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:06 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

A debate followed.

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

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission entitled the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by adding the following after "February 19, 2003":

“, with the exception of the Report’s recommendation to remove one electoral division from the City of Edmonton.”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:26 p.m. until Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove Junior B Regals for winning the 2003 Provincial Hockey Championship

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Dr. Yoshio Senda, recipient of a 2002 Sport Volunteer Recognition Award by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Michael Kostek celebrating 50 years of service with the Edmonton Public School Board

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Stirling High School Lakers for winning the 1A Boys Provincial Basketball Championship

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Maurice Kruk and Chris Dowhan, co-chairs of the Radway and District Friends of Stars 2003 fundraising effort which raised \$40,000

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Alberta Seniors’ Week, June 1-7, 2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Calgary Humane Society

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Métis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 329/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Corporate Business Plan 2003/2004-2005/2006
Sessional Paper 330/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

26 recent letters from Didsbury and areas residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region
Sessional Paper 331/2003

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Report dated April 2003, entitled "Generation Debt: An Investment in Education is an Investment in Alberta's Future" prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students
Sessional Paper 332/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 postcards from Elizabeth Miller, R. and E. Hoffpauir, and Sherry Norris, all of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding
Sessional Paper 333/2003

Postcard from Margaret Ritchie of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes
Sessional Paper 334/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 2, 2003, from Sharman Armfield to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding inadequate education funding and its effect on student literacy levels
Sessional Paper 335/2003

News release dated April 8, 2003, entitled "Numbers impressive but they're an illusion" with attached report dated April 9, 2003, entitled "FASTreport, The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta" both prepared by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta
Sessional Paper 336/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 14, 2003, from Lynda Wignall and Colleen Huston, both of Calgary to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, requesting benefits for SFI (Supports for Independence) and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) be immediately increased

Sessional Paper 337/2003

News release dated September 13, 2000, entitled "Province announces major cuts for business and property taxes" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 338/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson 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, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

\$36,296,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Auditor General

\$17,305,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

Office of the Ombudsman

\$1,958,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

\$1,994,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

\$387,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$3,293,000 Operating Expense

Revenue

\$45,373,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

\$167,833,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$58,700,000 Capital Investment
\$21,430,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

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

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission entitled the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:58 p.m. until Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Cochrane Chamber of Commerce Community Awards recipients.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 2003.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta legal studies program's commitment to the awareness of elder abuse.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding provincial fiscal policies relating to the horse racing industry and Supports for Independence.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 218 St. Albert and Edmonton residents requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents requesting the recommendation of the Electoral Boundaries Commission regarding the loss of an Edmonton seat be rejected.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 10, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ11, WQ12.

Motions for Returns: MR12, MR13.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2001-2002 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 339/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated March 27, 2003, from Brenda Kaplan, Montrose Junior High School Council Chair, to Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding education under-funding and the impact the funding shortfall has on school programs and services
Sessional Paper 340/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document, undated, entitled "Brampton Health Coalition Debunking the Myths About Brampton's New Hospital"
Sessional Paper 341/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Excerpts from Alberta Hansard outlining comments made by two former Provincial Treasurers relating to tax creep and bracket creep
Sessional Paper 342/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 14 to April 17, 2003:

Monday, April 14	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions
		Motion 13
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 28, 32, 33, 34, 35
		And as per the Order Paper

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| Tuesday, April 15 | Aft. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24)
 Human Resources and
 Employment (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)
 Executive Council
 Second Reading
 Bill 28, 32, 33, 34, 35
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 16
 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Wednesday, April 16 | Aft. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24)
 Learning (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 7 of 24)
 Solicitor General
 Second Reading
 Bill 28, 32, 33, 34, 35
 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Thursday, April 17 | Aft. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24)
 Environment (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper</p> |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Gaming

\$150,319,000	Operating Expense
\$1,099,229,000	Lottery Fund Payments

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, April 14, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14, 2003

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 former Member Mr. William Ernest (Ernie) Jamison, Member for St. Albert, 1971 to 1979, who passed away on April 11, 2003.

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 90th anniversary of Olds College

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Leigh Goldie of Grande Prairie, recipient of a 2002 Sport Volunteer Recognition Award by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 6 finalists for the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Awards from schools in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfiefer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk for winning the 2003 Men's World Curling Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 13, 2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Calgary G-8 Organizing Committee for winning the White Hat of the Year Award in Calgary on April 8, 2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Action for Healthy Communities program operated by the Edmonton Healthcare and Citizenship Society

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

18 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 343/2003

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Petition signed by 38 Albertans requesting the Government de-insure abortion

Sessional Paper 344/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Don Perdue of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding health care funding

Sessional Paper 345/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfiefer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2003 Men's World Curling Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 346/2003

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mike Weir congratulating Mr. Weir on being the first Canadian to win the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 347/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Study, undated, entitled "Teachers' instructional practices in small classes" submitted to the Alberta Journal of Educational Research, prepared by Dr. Margaret Haughey, Dr. Fern Snart, and Dr. José da Costa

Sessional Paper 348/2003

Study dated March 27, 2003, entitled "Enhancing Literacy Achievement in Small Grade 1 Classes in High Poverty Environments" submitted to the Canadian Journal of Education, prepared by Dr. Margaret Haughey, Dr. Fern Snart, and Dr. José da Costa

Sessional Paper 349/2003

Letter dated April 10, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and its effect on class sizes

Sessional Paper 350/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Market Surveillance Administrator Report, 2002 Year in Review, February 10, 2003

Sessional Paper 351/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 21 Edmonton residents requesting the Government adequately and equally fund education

Sessional Paper 352/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Alberta Doctors' Digest Editorial dated March/April 2003, entitled "Lies, damned lies and politicians' promises" written by Gerald L. Higgins, M.B., C.H.B., F.C.F.P., Editor

Sessional Paper 353/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

ATCO Electric web page dated March 14, 2003, listing residential and farm flow-through prices for March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 354/2003

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ11. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Transportation over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Transportation over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range*?

WQ12. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Municipal Affairs over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Municipal Affairs over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range*?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ13, WQ14.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR12. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the 62 contingent liability claims against the Department of Sustainable Resource Development in the 2001-02 fiscal year, as mentioned in Responses to Supplementary Questions from the Committee of Supply, April 16, 2002 and attached to correspondence code DM02-KC-0671 from the Honourable Mike Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development.

MR13. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All correspondence between the Minister of Environment, the Premier, Public Affairs Bureau, and the Minister of Energy regarding the Kyoto Accord and Alberta's anti-Kyoto campaign.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR14.

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:

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 37

Abbott	Hutton	Melchin
Ady	Jablonski	Nelson
Amery	Jacobs	Oberg
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Broda	Klapstein	Shariff
Calahasen	Knight	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lord	Stevens
Danyluk	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Taylor
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Haley	Magnus	Yankowsky
Hlady	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Against the amendment: 4

Blakeman	Massey	Nicol
Carlson		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 205 Citizens' Empowerment Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Herard on behalf of Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore new means of helping students finance their post-secondary education including the establishment of a provincial education savings plan to supplement Canada's Registered Education Savings Plan.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mr. Broda:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to sell or dispose of public lands that do not possess any economic potential for the Province.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, moved the motion be amended by striking out “public lands that do not possess any economic potential for the Province” and substituting “lands that are declared surplus to the needs of the Province”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the main motion.

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

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission entitled the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 33

Abbott	Hlady	Melchin
Ady	Horner	Oberg
Amery	Jacobs	O'Neill
Boutilier	Johnson	Rathgeber
Broda	Klapstein	Snelgrove
Calahasen	Knight	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Stevens
Danyluk	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor
Ducharme	Magnus	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	MacDonald	Masyk
Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Taft
Gordon		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding No-Bull Marketing Ltd.

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Alberta Ballet and School of Alberta Ballet.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding elder abuse and protection for persons in care.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Providence Children's Centre in Calgary.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 15, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Jean Charest, Premier-elect, Liberal Party of Québec, congratulating Mr. Charest on winning his seat, and his party on winning the Québec provincial election on April 14, 2003

Sessional Paper 355/2003

Letter dated April 15, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Bernard Landry, Premier of Québec, congratulating Mr. Landry on winning his seat in the Québec provincial election on April 14, 2003

Sessional Paper 356/2003

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 15, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his teammates on winning the World Curling Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 357/2003

Letter dated April 15, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Mike Weir congratulating Mr. Weir on winning the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 358/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

National Council for Public-Private Partnerships web page listing web links to award-winning public-private partnership case studies from 2001 and 2002

Sessional Paper 359/2003

Transport Canada web page of a speech by Honourable David Collenette, Federal Minister of Transport, presented to the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships in Toronto, Ontario on November 17, 1997

Sessional Paper 360/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 17, 2003, from Jane Stewart, Federal Minister of Human Resources, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, responding to Ms Blakeman's letter of November 6, 2002, regarding the Employment Insurance status of artists and cultural workers

Sessional Paper 361/2003

Press release dated January 20, 2003, announcing the release of a report entitled "Face of the Future, A Study of Human Resources Issues in Canada's Cultural Sector" prepared by the Cultural Human Resources Council

Sessional Paper 362/2003

E-mail message dated March 31, 2003, from Ian Crichton of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the possibility of the Government cancelling adult learner programs at Metro Community College

Sessional Paper 363/2002

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Memorandum of Judgment, Court of Appeal of Alberta, between Randy Wolfert, the Workers' Compensation Board, and Gene Mudry, Thomas Shuchuk, and Dr. Paul Green and Dr. Gordon King

Sessional Paper 364/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Summary of Recommendations from the Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in the Matter of a Public Inquiry Into the Death of Vincenzo Dominic Motta Pursuant to the Fatality Inquiries Act dated April 14, 2003, prepared by Honourable Judge Manfred Delong, Provincial Court of Alberta

Sessional Paper 365/2003

E-mail message dated March 12, 2003, from Sharon Tucker of Medicine Hat to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, outlining the financial difficulties Ms Tucker faces living on AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and requesting Dr. Pannu and Dr. Nicol lobby the Government for an increase in AISH benefits

Sessional Paper 366/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Backgrounder document entitled "Municipal Government Electric Bills 2000-2002" attaching recent letters from several municipalities outlining their electricity bill increases for the years 2000 to 2002

Sessional Paper 367/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 4 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

\$1,072,188,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Executive Council

\$18,035,000 Operating Expense

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:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

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

Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Tigers for their efforts during the second round hockey playoff series against the Red Deer Rebels and the Red Deer Rebels for winning the series

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(1), the Speaker invited Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, to respond to the recognition.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer Rebels hockey team for winning the second round playoff series against the Medicine Hat Tigers and the Medicine Hat Tigers for their efforts during the series

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Southeast Calgary students who participated in Musical Montage 2003 recently held at the Calgary Jubilee Auditorium

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Education funding

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Henry Heuver, first recipient of the Olds College Partner of the Year Award

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Erle Rivers High School boys' curling team who recently won the Provincial Curling Championship

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Mill Woods Newsletter published by the Mill Woods President's Council

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Camrose Kodiaks junior A hockey team for winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 15, 2003

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(1), the Speaker invited Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, to respond to the recognition.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints junior A hockey team for their efforts during the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship and the Camrose Kodiaks for winning the championship

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 190 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 56 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government increase public education funding to include the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 54 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly reject legislation allowing for the sale of municipal reserves and the privatization of the construction and ownership of publicly funded schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated March 3, 2003, entitled "A HAND UP, How State Earned Income Tax Credits Help Working Families Escape Poverty in 2003" prepared by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Sessional Paper 368/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Rewarding Work: The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Greater Chicago" prepared by Alan Berube and Benjamin Forman, Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy

Sessional Paper 369/2003

Issue Notes 2000 Newsletter article entitled "The Earned Income Tax Credit" prepared by Pamela Friedman, Welfare Information Network

Sessional Paper 370/2003

Report dated September 23, 2001, entitled "Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency in Government: 33 suggestions" prepared by Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie

Sessional Paper 371/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

31 recent letters from Didsbury and area residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 372/2003

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

34 letters dated February 13, 2003, from members of the St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League in Taber, to Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requesting the Government de-insure abortion

Sessional Paper 373/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

2 news releases, the first dated April 11, 2003, entitled "Aquila Completes Refinancing" and the second dated April 15, 2003, entitled "Aquila Fourth Quarter and Year-End Net Loss Driven by Impairment and Restructuring Charges as Company Repositions Business" both prepared by Aquila

Sessional Paper 374/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 28, 2003, from Elizabeth Miller, M.D., of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and requesting education funding be increased

Sessional Paper 375/2003

Letter dated March 29, 2003, from Carleen Ellis of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the declining quality of public education resulting from school boards not being adequately funded to cover the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 376/2003

Letter, undated, from Catharine A. Compston and Dr. Paul Bird, both of Edmonton, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the erosion of public education resulting from school boards not being adequately funded to cover the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 377/2003

E-mail message dated April 2, 2003, from Rod E. McConnell of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a proposed tax on water use

Sessional Paper 378/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Public Forum notice entitled "Solutions for Schools" to be held April 24, 2003 at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 379/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 8, 2003, from Cindy Jefferies, Chair, Board of Trustees, Red Deer Public School District No. 104, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with associated attachments, requesting Dr. Pannu's support for a School Act amendment to be introduced during the 2003 Spring Session

Sessional Paper 380/2003

Excerpt from the Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in the Matter of a Public Inquiry Into the Death of Vincenzo Dominic Motta Pursuant to the Fatality Inquiries Act dated April 14, 2003, prepared by Honourable Judge Manfred Delong, Provincial Court of Alberta

Sessional Paper 381/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Excerpt from the Finance Annual Report, 2001-02, Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Financial Statements and AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Urban Perspective Newsletter, November-December 2002, Budget Watch article entitled "AMFC (Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation) surplus revenues could support green infrastructure fund for municipalities"

Sessional Paper 382/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Learning, the question was called to grant the following sum:

Learning

\$3,574,859,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott	Hancock	Masyk
Ady	Herard	McClellan
Cao	Horner	McFarland
Coutts	Hutton	Nelson
Dunford	Jablonski	Oberg
Evans	Jonson	Ouellette
Forsyth	Klapstein	Pham
Friedel	Kryczka	Renner
Fritz	Lord	Smith
Gordon	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Graham	Mar	Strang
Graydon	Marz	Tarchuk
Haley	Maskell	VanderBurg

Against the motion: 6

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
MacDonald	Nicol	Taft

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Learning

\$3,574,859,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$141,300,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Solicitor General

\$267,357,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
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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:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

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

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

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding provincial funding priorities.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding public-private infrastructure partnerships.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Alberta Research Council.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Stan Reynolds, founder of the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with an amendment:

Bill Pr2 Forest Lawn Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr2, Forest Lawn Bible College Act
Sessional Paper 383/2003

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 212 Calgary residents requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, advised that as Monday, April 21, 2003 is a holiday, no notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a) is required.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View:

Document, undated, entitled "25th Legislature MLA Receptions" prepared by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View

Sessional Paper 384/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated January 28, 2003, from Shirley Reid, Issues Co-chair, Canadian Federation of University Women, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the Romanow Report and the 5 principles of the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 385/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 31, 2003, from George Rogers, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 20, Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003, and to the lack of consultation with the AUMA and urban municipalities prior to the Bill's introduction

Sessional Paper 386/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview,:

Letter dated April 17, 2003, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the move of hemodialysis equipment and charts that may be contaminated with toxic mold from the Foothills Hospital to the Peter Lougheed Hospital and requesting Mr. Mar investigate this matter

Sessional Paper 387/2003

Postcard from Mark Glover of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 388/2003

E-mail message dated March 28, 2003, from Dr. Paul Bird and Catharine Compston, both of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing outrage and concern regarding funding cutbacks in public education

Sessional Paper 389/2003

E-mail message dated March 28, 2003, from Linda Telgarsky, Chair, Windsor Park School Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, attaching the text of a letter dated March 26, 2003, from Ms Telgarsky to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a decrease in per pupil funding and an increase in staff unit costs for 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 390/2003

2 postcards from Barbara Krahn of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 391/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 22 to April 24, 2003:

Tuesday, April 22	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24) Seniors (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24) Economic Development Second Reading Bill 12, 18, 28, 29, 31, 32 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 23	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24) Finance (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24) Municipal Affairs Second Reading Bill 12, 18, 28, 29, 31, 32 Committee of the Whole Bill 6, 10, 14, 16

Tuesday, April 22, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the success and benefits of energy retrofit programs.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding issues faced by the Calgary Health Region.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Calgary becoming a member of the Canadian Safe Community Network, Safe Communities Foundation of Canada, and receiving the WHO (World Health Organization) Safe Community of the World designation presented by the United Nations' World Health Organization.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the first annual Brain Injury Awareness Conference held in Calgary on April 11 and 12, 2003.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Children's Advocate, 2001/2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 392/2003

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, 2000/2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 393/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 22, 2003, from Joseph Landy of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the retirement of a library aide and the possible loss of teachers at Belgravia School

Sessional Paper 394/2003

Letter dated March 11, 2003, from Paul and Lorie Grundy of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding public school funding and the loss of teaching and support staff

Sessional Paper 395/2003

Letter, undated, from Elizabeth Hendricksen of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding public school funding in relation to the teachers' arbitrated settlement and the loss of support staff

Sessional Paper 396/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 2, 2003, from Louise Knox, National President, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada, expressing serious reservations and disappointment in the proposed changes outlined in Bill 33, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 397/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers (CEP) Union of Canada web page entitled "An urgent appeal to defend Canadian values and interests in the forest industry" outlining the text of a letter dated March 4, 2003, from Brian Payne, CEP President, to all Members of Parliament, expressing concern regarding softwood lumber dispute negotiations and expressing the need for public hearings

Sessional Paper 398/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 9 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Seniors

\$334,566,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 10 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Economic Development

\$54,934,000 Operating Expense

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

- Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham
- Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
- Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:18 p.m. until Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Ann Lewis, Executive Director, Alberta Ballet

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Canada Book Week, April 21-27, 2003

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: \$1 million donation made by John Hokanson of Edmonton to NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) for a new culinary arts centre called the Hokanson Centre for Culinary Arts

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 2003 Easter Walk held on Good Friday, April 18, 2003 in Edmonton

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Poetry Month, April 2003

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: VoicePrint Canada operated by the National Broadcast Reading Service

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, presented a petition from 760 Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan residents requesting the Government continue funding for the Applied Forest Resource Management Program at Grande Prairie Regional College.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 156 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated April 16, 2003, entitled "CBE (Calgary Board of Education) Requests Full Implementation of New Funding Formula" prepared by the Calgary Board of Education

Sessional Paper 399/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated April 16, 2003, from Heather Smith, R.N., President, United Nurses of Alberta, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, updating Mr. MacDonald on the progress of the current contract negotiations between the United Nurses of Alberta and regional health authorities

Sessional Paper 400/2003

Letter dated April 7, 2003, from Sheila Boucher of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the effect of insufficient education funding on the quality of public education

Sessional Paper 401/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 27 Edmonton and area residents requesting public and post-secondary education funding be increased

Sessional Paper 402/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Copy of a petition signed by 98 Albertans, copy of a petition signed by 99 Albertans, and 110 letters dated March 24, 2003, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, disagreeing with Alberta Infrastructure's area capacity and utilization formula and the decision by Grande Yellowhead Regional Division #35 to follow the formula

Sessional Paper 403/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Allison Jackson and Shannan Vig, Aldergrove Parent Advocates, to Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, urging Mr. Maskell to voice Aldergrove Elementary School's education funding concerns in the Legislative Assembly, and attaching the Aldergrove Elementary School presentation to the Ward C and E Council Meeting on March 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 404/2003

E-mail message dated March 26, 2003, from Christine Stobart to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the effect of insufficient education funding on the quality of public education and requesting public education funding be increased

Sessional Paper 405/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 11 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Finance

\$83,677,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$82,529,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:10 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

\$133,703,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 406/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Thursday, April 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Stacy Smith, Dana Caffaro, Jordan Williams, and Jordan Litchfield, recipients of Apex Youth Awards sponsored by the Taber Rotary Club and the Taber Times.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Earth Day, April 22, 2003.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding National Soil Conservation Week, April 20-26, 2003.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding humanity's separation from the natural world.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 28, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ13, WQ14.

Motion for Returns: MR14.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Letter dated April 22, 2003, from Don Fleming, Board Chairman, Edmonton Public Schools, to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing the Board's pleasure and gratitude for Alberta Infrastructure's recent funding announcement and thanking Mr. Lukaszuk for his support of public education

Sessional Paper 407/2003

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Allison Jackson and Shannan Vig, Aldergrove Parent Advocates, to Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, urging Mr. Maskell to voice Aldergrove Elementary School's education funding concerns in the Legislative Assembly, and attaching the Aldergrove Elementary School presentation to the Ward C and E Council Meeting on March 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 408/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated March 26, 2003, from Gordon Tocher of Hinton on behalf of 1,360 Hinton and area residents to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding high natural gas and power costs and requesting that regulated, fixed rates be reinstated, with 2 attached BC Hydro and EPCOR electricity bills

Sessional Paper 409/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 1,556 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 410/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 787 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 411/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 28 to May 1, 2003:

Monday, April 28	9:00 p.m.	<p>- Private Bills</p> <p>Second Reading and Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Bill Pr1, Pr2</p> <p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading</p> <p>Bill 33, 34, 36, 37</p> <p>Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Bill 10</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, April 29	Aft.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Committee of Supply</p> <p>Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24)</p> <p>Health and Wellness (Designated)</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24)
 Government Services
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 6, 10, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 30 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24)
 Children's Services (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24)
 Transportation
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 6, 10, 12, 20, 26
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, May 1 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24)
 Justice (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 13 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Infrastructure

\$1,209,415,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
42,416,000	Capital Investment

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, April 28, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 2003

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 workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, April 28, 2003.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: 200th anniversary of the Order of the Sisters of St. Louis, and Sister Norma Basso, Sister Theresa Tetrault, Sister Joan Flaherty, and Sister Rita Proulx who were recently killed in a motor vehicle accident in Calgary

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: World Irish Dance Championship recently held in Killarney, Ireland and Rebecca Bell from the Mattierin School of Irish Dancing in Edmonton who won a medal at the Championship

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: National Volunteer Week, April 27 to May 3, 2003

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Fraser Institute's recent report on Alberta high schools, Old Scona Academic School which placed first for academic achievement, and teachers and schools who achieve excellence across diverse cultural interests and academic abilities

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: School parent volunteers

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Rosemary Brown, the first black woman elected to a Canadian legislature who passed away on April 2, 2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Camrose Kodiaks junior A hockey team for winning the Alberta/British Columbia Doyle Cup on April 26, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 299 Calgary residents requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lougheed

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lougheed

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

TD Economics Special Report dated April 22, 2003, entitled "The Calgary-Edmonton Corridor, Take Action Now To Ensure Tiger's Roar Doesn't Fade" prepared by TD Bank Financial Group

Sessional Paper 412/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Discover Magazine article dated May 2003, entitled "Technological savvy could turn 600 million tons of turkey guts and other waste into 4 billion barrels of light Texas crude each year" prepared by Brad Lemley

Sessional Paper 413/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

51 letters, undated, from Edmonton and area residents to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 414/2003

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 28, 2003, entitled "Awards ceremony recognizes efforts of parks volunteers" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 415/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Calendar of events taking place during the Edmonton May Week Festival to be held April 28 to May 10, 2003

Sessional Paper 416/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Several letters dated April 16-25, 2003, between Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding a document found by Mr. MacDonald in a Legislative Assembly photocopier

Sessional Paper 417/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document, undated, containing results from mold testing conducted at Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary

Sessional Paper 418/2003

Speaker's Statement - Point of Privilege

Before the Honourable Member commences with his purported question of privilege, the Chair wants to caution all Members who may wish to participate in this debate about imputing false or unavowed motives to another Member or making allegations against another Member. This is prohibited under Standing Order 23(h) and (i). In short, the Chair will not tolerate any allegations impugning the reputation or motives of a Member.

On this subject the Chair would refer Members to the section in Chapter 3 of Marleau and Montpetit's House of Commons Practice and Procedure found at pages 83 to 95 of that work.

It is important to remember that only the Assembly itself can place limits on what is said in here as one of the great freedoms we enjoy as legislators in the British Parliamentary system is to be free from lawsuits for what is said in the Assembly. This means that it is the traditional and accepted role of the Chair to enforce the rules and practices concerning allegations against other Members as there is no other recourse.

Point of Privilege

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding material circulated in the parliamentary precincts and observed in the possession of a member of the Government caucus.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Hutton, Ms Haley, Mr. Shariff, Rev. Abbott, Mr. Lukaszuk, Mr. Bonner, Dr. Taft, Mr. Horner, and Mr. McClelland.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

I think we are going to come to a conclusion with respect to this matter. Two separate strains seem to have come through here. First of all, there was a tabling in the Assembly of correspondence between the Speaker and a Member. That is highly irregular, very irregular. Members convey thoughts to the Chair or the Speaker. As the impartial, nonpartisan Chair of the Assembly, the Chair recognizes the privileged information he is receiving and it is very irregular for Members to make public, then, correspondence that the Speaker would give to that particular Honourable Member. But having done that, we now have these documents to play with so let us just deal with the involvement of the Chair in this matter first.

The Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar sent the Chair a memo, and I believe it was April 15, and basically took exception to finding a photocopied document in the Legislative Assembly that afternoon. The Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar has his own opinions with respect to the piece of paper. I responded back to the Honourable Member the following day saying the following:

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003

“Thank you for your letter of April 16, 2003, and the attached document, regarding the photocopied document which you found in the west corridor leading into the Chamber on April 15, 2003.

This is indeed a very disturbing matter and this document is certainly inappropriate material to be in the Legislature Building, grounds or Annex.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention.”

I have put a handwritten note: “I will have the Sergeant-at-Arms investigate.” Copies were sent to the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Third Party House Leader. The matter was investigated and a report was provided to the Chair.

On April 25, 2003, in a memo from myself to the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar I write the following:

“Further to your letter of April 16, 2003 I can advise that an extensive investigation was conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

While it is not our practice to discuss the operational details of the Sergeant’s inquiries, please be assured that the exercise was complete, thorough and consistent with the seriousness of the matter.

Regrettably, we were unable to determine who may have placed the documents within the precincts on April 15, 2003.

Again, I appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention.”

Copies went to the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, the Clerk, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Now, hand-delivered to my office at approximately 11:00 this morning was a letter that the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar alluded to earlier. Then we heard what happened at 2:35 p.m. when the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar got up and identified the Member and some aspersions, suspect, that were taking place. Let me make it very, very clear that my involvement in this matter had simply to do with the administrative duties of the Chair with respect to the utilization of photocopy machines in and about the precincts. There seems to be general agreement, at least with the Chair and for other people who have spoken, on words such as “vile,” “inappropriate,” “offensive” material and no ascribing to anyone about belief with respect to the validity of the document itself. Most of us appear to have simply discarded it. It is just another piece of paper among the hundreds and thousands that Members of the Legislative Assembly will receive at any given time.

Now, what is really important in here is the statement. I think that if there was an allegation made by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar and ascribing motives, when identifying the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora and in hearing from the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora, at least what the Chair heard was that the Member for Edmonton-Glenora had basically found no merit in the document whatsoever, and discarded it. The Chair has heard nothing and knows nothing further beyond that in terms of what anybody would think about it, would feel about, would want to think about it. As far as the Chair understands, the Member for Edmonton-Glenora discarded the paper, and even if he had not discarded the paper, what would the point have been? All Members receive countless numbers of documents. There is nothing in the document with respect to a certain group that is identified in there, and the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar raised it, and then the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora raised it. It was this Assembly who basically passed very important legislation with the Holocaust Memorial Day, and this is a very important part of our history that we want to commemorate. That disturbs the Chair. That very, very much disturbs the Chair with respect to this.

I am reminded as well that one has to be very, very careful about imputing motives to anyone. That is a very serious matter. I would also like to remind Honourable Members that there is an old saying, and I forget who it was who said it, that gentlemen do not read other gentlemen's mail. It always strikes me as funny how what an Honourable Member may have on his or her desk should become the purview of other Honourable Members. It strikes me that one of the great safeguards we have as legislators is the responsibility, coupled with the need to have availability of whatever documentation or paper we want, to arrive at the best conclusions that we have. I would hate to think that certain documents, certain books would be burned. We have certainly gone far beyond the McCarthyism times of the early 1950s. I do not like the document but that is not the point. Simply because it is someplace, how can one ascribe a motive to anyone who may be near it? Heaven knows that in the 23 years that I have been a privileged Member of this Assembly, I have received papers from people that I am 180 degrees away from and 12,500 miles away from. If the circumference of the Earth is 25,000, that puts me at the exact opposite side of the equator, yet we get them.

I heard what the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora said. I think he is truly shocked by what has transpired here today. I think he is truly embarrassed by what has transpired here today. This is not a point of privilege, and the Chair regrets that he even entertained opening this subject-matter as a point of privilege.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ13. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What were the total sales numbers, broken down by individual game, for the sports lottery products Pro Line, Over/Under, and Point Spread, for the calendar years 2000 through 2002 inclusive?

WQ14. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What was the total payout to customers in the form of winnings from tickets purchased, broken down individually by game, from the sports lottery products Pro Line, Over/Under, and Point Spread, for the fiscal years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 inclusive?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the financial audit of the Alberta Career Computer Centre Inc. prepared in late 2002 or early 2003 for the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment by Doug Courts, Chartered Accountant.

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of *those portions* of the financial audit of the Alberta Career Computer Centre Inc. prepared in late 2002 or early 2003 for the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment by Doug Courts, Chartered Accountant, *that may be disclosed under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

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:

Bill 205 Citizens' Empowerment 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:

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences)
Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Pham speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Broda (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to sell or dispose of *lands that are declared surplus to the needs of the Province*.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 33

Abbott	Griffiths	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hlady	Pham
Broda	Horner	Snelgrove
Calahasen	Hutton	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Johnson	Strang
DeLong	Kryczka	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Magnus	Taylor
Ducharme	Marz	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClelland	Woloshyn
Evans	Melchin	Yankowsky
Goudreau	Oberg	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 3

Blakeman	Carlson	Taft
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508. Moved by Mr. Cenaiko:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta to enhance collaborative partnerships and coordinated programs with various levels of government, policing agencies, and the public to effectively combat organized crime and terrorism.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Rev. Abbott speaking.

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Griffiths

Bill Pr2 Forest Lawn Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr1 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Griffiths

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Forest Lawn Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

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

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 419/2003

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 33 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon.
Dr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta Energy Management Program.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 7th annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards presented by Suncor Energy Inc. held on April 24, 2003 in Calgary.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 29, 2003.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding a ceremony held on the Legislature grounds in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 29, 2003.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

2 reports, the first dated April 28, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects, 2003-2005 Major Provincial Highway Projects" and the second dated February 25, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects, 2003-2005 Water Management Projects" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 420/2003

Report dated March 27, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects Previously Tabled in 2001-2003 Program and Still Deferred Beyond 2005" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 421/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

American Scientist Magazine article dated March-April 1996, entitled "Reward Deficiency Syndrome" prepared by Kenneth Blum, John G. Cull, Eric R. Braverman, and David E. Comings

Sessional Paper 422/2003

Discover Magazine article dated May 2003, entitled "The End of Craving: A controversial new drug seems to stop addiction cold" prepared by Michael Abrams

Sessional Paper 423/2003

Journal of the American Medical Association dated July 26, 2000, entitled "Is U.S. Health Really the Best in the World?" prepared by Barbara Starfield, M.D., M.P.H.

Sessional Paper 424/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 11, 2003, from Murray McNeil, Chair, Petroleum Services Association of Canada, Chief Executive Officer, United Safety Ltd.; Art Hibbard, Director, Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors, Vice President, Contracts, Phelps Drilling Co.; Ross D.S. Douglas, Board Governor, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers; and Mike Doyle, President, Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the recommendations for dealing with long-standing contentious Workers' Compensation Board claims contained in the Report of the MLA Service Review Committee

Sessional Paper 425/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Program from the Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony held in Edmonton on April 28, 2003

Sessional Paper 426/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Alice L. Williamson of Red Deer to Alberta Environment objecting to the approval of an application by Capstone Energy Ltd. for a licence to annually divert water from the Red Deer River for oil well injection

Sessional Paper 427/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Postcard from Lisa McDermott of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 428/2003

Postcard from Alyssa Stryker of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 429/2003

Postcard from A. Espinaco-Virseda, Sr. of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 430/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Report dated December 2001, entitled "Canada-United States Softwood Lumber Trade, Alberta Summary of Forest Policy Discussions" prepared by the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 431/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Erratum to the Government Services 2003-06 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 432/2003

Point of Privilege

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 28, 2003.

Speaker's Statement - Point of Privilege

The issue to be considered is whether certain comments by the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar have obstructed or interfered with the Member for Edmonton-Glenora's ability to perform his duties or, alternately, whether the dignity and authority of the Assembly have been offended. The Chair would refer Members to chapter 3 of Marleau and Montpetit.

After hearing from the Member for Edmonton-Glenora and prior to hearing submissions on the purported point of privilege from other speakers, the Chair may wish to caution Members that the issue for discussion today pertains to the question of privilege raised by the Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

The Chair will not allow a reiteration of the discussion that transpired yesterday afternoon. The Chair ruled that that purported question of privilege did not meet the test for a prima facie question of privilege. That concluded the matter.

As this is primarily an issue between the two Members, and as the Chair does not intend to revisit yesterday's debate, the Chair, under the provisions of Standing Order 15(6), will allow the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar to participate, will allow the Government House Leader to participate, will allow the Opposition House Leader to participate, and will judge later at the conclusion of their remarks whether other speakers will be recognized as well.

Point of Privilege - Request by Mr. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald requested that the matter be deferred until the following day. The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Carlson concerning the request and agreed to defer the matter to April 30, 2003.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 14 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

\$7,343,791,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:11 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Government Services

\$231,158,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber
- Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao

Mr. Klapstein, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 433/2003

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 434/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:24 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Isadore Burstyn for organizing the construction of the Holocaust memorial placed on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature at a ceremony commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day on April 29, 2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Leaders of Tomorrow Awards recipients and nominees from the Wetaskiwin-Camrose constituency

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Canadian Hepatitis C Activist Network

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North on behalf of Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod (Minister of Government Services): 100th anniversary of the Frank Slide

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Octagon Club of Paul Kane High School and teacher Dale Smith for honouring St. Albert high school students at the 2003 Youth Appreciation Night on April 23, 2003

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Portage College sports and education fund-raiser dinners held in St. Paul and Lac La Biche on April 25 and 26, 2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: May Day movement and May Week, April 28 to May 10, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 126 Albertans requesting legislation enabling grandparents to maintain ongoing contact with their grandchildren.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the decision of the Minister of Human Resources and Employment and all Government Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to boycott the Public Accounts Committee meeting scheduled for April 30, 2003.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 30, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Fred Bradley, President, Crowsnest Historical Society, offering congratulations for assisting with the organization of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Frank Slide

Sessional Paper 435/2003

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Mr. Bonner on March 10, 2003:

A copy of the Department of Transportation policy on its contract management process

Sessional Paper 436/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled "For the Good of the People: Using Public-Private Partnerships to Meet America's Essential Needs" prepared by the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Sessional Paper 437/2003

National Council for Public-Private Partnerships web page article entitled "How Partnerships Work"

Sessional Paper 438/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Why Don't They Understand?" prepared by Eugene A. Schiller, Deputy Executive Director, Southwest Florida Water Management District, outlining observations regarding state and local public-private partnerships

Sessional Paper 439/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Bill Buckels, Secretariat, Canadian Hepatitis C Activist Network, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that May be declared Hepatitis C Awareness Month and that May 1, 2003 be declared Hepatitis C Awareness Day

Sessional Paper 440/2003

Letter, undated, from Bill Buckels, Vice President, Hepatitis C United Resource Exchange, to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, requesting support for the declaration of May as Hepatitis C Awareness Month and May 1, 2003 as Hepatitis C Awareness Day

Sessional Paper 441/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 postcards from Antje A. T. Espinaco-Virseda, Pat Stryker, and Ian Mercer, all of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 442/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document, undated, untitled, expressing concern regarding wildlife on public lands, prepared by the Sundre Fish and Game Club

Sessional Paper 443/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document, undated, untitled, listing funding losses and per student operating grants for the years 1992/93 to 2002/03 at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 444/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Report dated October 9, 2002, entitled "Edmonton Police Service Perspective on Equitable Relationship" prepared by David Howatt, Edmonton Police Service, outlining provincially mandated police services and their associated costs

Sessional Paper 445/2003

Point of Privilege

The Speaker heard comments from Mr. Hutton, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Carlson, and Mr. Horner concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Mr. Hutton on April 29, 2003.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Member for Edmonton-Glenora yesterday concerning the comments made by the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar.

First, notice of the purported question of privilege was given by the Member for Edmonton-Glenora on the evening of Monday, April 28, found at page 1259 of Hansard. The Member also provided written notice to the Speaker's Office yesterday morning of his intention to raise a question of privilege. Accordingly, the notice requirements of Standing Orders 15(2) and (5) have been met. The Chair finds that this matter was raised in a timely fashion.

The subject of the purported question of privilege arises from the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar's comments made on Monday at pages 1239 and 1240 of Hansard. In essence, the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar's purported question of privilege was that the presence of a document in the possession of the Member for Edmonton-Glenora constituted a contempt of the Assembly. The Chair does not intend to discuss the contents of the document which is generally agreed to be objectionable. At pages 1243 and 1244 of Hansard for that day, the Chair held that there was no prima facie case of privilege.

The Chair wants to note that the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora had no advance notice of the nature of the purported question of privilege. Nevertheless, he chose to have the matter decided on Monday. At page 1241 of Hansard he indicated that he found the document "repugnant and offensive." He said that "what I did with the document was throw it in the trash." Despite the Honourable Member's uncontroverted statement, there was no apology or retraction from the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar.

In raising his question of privilege yesterday, the Member for Edmonton-Glenora argued that he felt "intimidated and harassed" by the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar's comments. By extension, he is arguing that the words constituted an improper obstruction to him performing his parliamentary work, which is part of the classic test for a breach of privilege found at page 14 of Joseph Maingot's *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition). Members may recall that on Monday afternoon prior to hearing the question of privilege from the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the Chair specifically warned Members from making any allegations impugning the reputation or motives of a Member, yet here we are.

Members may recall recent incidents involving unparliamentary language of such a nature that have given rise to a purported question of privilege. The Chair refers to rulings on May 28, 2001 at page 806 of Hansard and April 17, 2002 at pages 762-763 of Hansard. In both those rulings the Chair quoted Maingot where he says the following at page 254:

"Language spoken during a parliamentary proceeding that impugns the integrity of Members would be unparliamentary and a breach of order contrary to the Standing Orders, but not a breach of privilege."

On April 17, 2002, although there was not a prima facie case of privilege, the Leader of the Official Opposition apologized and the Deputy Premier accepted the apology.

It is true that Marleau and Montpetit state at page 86 that "The unjust damaging of a Member's good name might also be seen as constituting an obstruction." The example they give is from a May 5, 1987 ruling by Speaker Fraser of the Canadian House of Commons where he ruled that the Honourable Otto Jelinek's ability to function as a Member had not been impaired by certain allegations involving conflict of interest.

The difficulty in this case is that if one dissects the comments from the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, there is not a specific phrase that is particularly unparliamentary. He accuses the Member for Edmonton-Glenora by association with the document. He states at page 1240 of Hansard for April 28, 2003:

“It is most inappropriate for hate propaganda to be floating around in this Assembly and in the parliamentary precincts, and it is most inappropriate for a Member of this Assembly to have possession of the same. Freedom of expression and speech does not give Members the right to be hateful.”

It appears to the Chair that the Member for Edmonton-Glenora’s case really relates to the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar’s entire purported question of privilege which the Chair found not to be a prima facie question of privilege and expressed regret about it even being brought up. Frankly, the Chair found the innuendo odious.

Although the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar did not directly say so, the conclusion one could draw from his purported question of privilege was that the Member for Edmonton-Glenora was, in some fashion, promoting discrimination. Despite the fact that any such notions were put to rest by the Member for Edmonton-Glenora, there was no apology forthcoming. Although the Member for Edmonton-Glenora has unmistakably clarified the record, the fact that he had to even address the issue is a matter of grave concern. There are few allegations that could be made against a Member that would be more damaging than that he or she was promoting or condoning discrimination. As the Chair has said over and over again, freedom of speech carries with it great responsibility. The events on Monday bring no honour to this Assembly, which is extremely regrettable, not just for the Chair, but for each and every Member of this Assembly.

The Chair will give the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar one more chance to do the honourable thing and do a thorough apology.

Apology by Mr. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, apologized for the fact that Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, was implicated in this matter and withdrew any remarks that in any way, shape, or form impugned the character of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

Speaker’s Ruling

As the Chair did on April 17, 2002 at page 763 of Hansard, the Chair will quote from Speaker Schumacher’s September 23, 1993 ruling where he said about what constitutes an apology:

“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.”

In light of this, is the apology offered by the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar acceptable to the Member for Edmonton Glenora?

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, stated he required an unconditional apology which he had not received.

Speaker's Ruling

All right then, we shall proceed. The Chair finds that this is a very unusual situation where the incident that gave rise to this question of privilege was one Member complaining about documents in another Member's possession. While the Chair is not implying in the least any agreement to the document that was the subject of Monday's question of privilege, the Chair does not condone censorship in terms of what Members read. It is beyond dispute in the Chair's mind that the mere possession of a document hardly constitutes agreement or approval. Yet, this is precisely the impression left by the Member for Edmonton Gold Bar's comments on April 28, 2003. As the Chair has commented, there are few allegations that can be more detrimental to a Member's reputation than one of promoting or condoning discrimination. Furthermore, these allegations against the Member for Edmonton-Glenora have done nothing to raise the esteem of this Assembly in the eyes of the public.

The distinguishing feature of this question is that it is difficult to find a precise unparliamentary expression. It is the innuendo left by the entire speech.

The Chair finds it appropriate to quote from Maingot at 227 where the following reference is made to a report of the U.K. Select Committee on Parliamentary Privileges:

“In the final analysis, in areas of doubt, the Speaker asks simply:

Does the act complained of appear at first sight to be a breach of privilege, or to put it shortly, has the Member an arguable point? If the Speaker feels any doubt on the question, he should leave it to the House.”

This is the situation the Chair finds itself in. Accordingly, the Chair finds that there is a *prima facie* question of privilege. It is up to the Members of the Assembly to determine whether a case of breach of privilege is ultimately made out. Under Standing Order 15(6), any Member may give notice of a motion not later than the conclusion of the next sitting day. The Chair would strongly encourage Members to examine the traditions surrounding these motions.

Furthermore, the Chair would ask all Members to respect the process for addressing these matters in the House. It would be in keeping with parliamentary traditions and the respect owed this institution for comments to be made in this Assembly and its committees rather than outside it.

Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 15(6)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move that the matter of the question of privilege raised on April 28, 2003 by Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding comments made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 28, 2003, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing.

Point of Privilege

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the decision of the Minister of Human Resources and Employment and all Government Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to boycott the Public Accounts Committee meeting scheduled for April 30, 2003.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Mr. Dunford, and Mr. Shariff.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Chair wants to deal with this matter now. For the record, the Honourable Member provided notice to the Speaker's Office this morning of his intention to raise his purported question of privilege relating to events that transpired this morning in relation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) have been met. I think I received notification around 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or something to that effect.

It has been cited now by several Members, but as all Members may be aware, there are a host of authorities on the procedure for raising as a question of privilege matters that arise in or from standing committees, and it's very, very clear. The Chair would like to refer the Members to Beauchesne's 6th edition at paragraph 107, where it clearly states that business of committees must be dealt with in committees, Marleau and Montpetit House of Commons Procedure and Practice at pages 128 and 129, and of course our own Standing Order 62(3). The bottom line is that there first must be a report by the committee before the House will address the question of privilege arising in the committee.

Now, having said that, this morning there was not a meeting of the committee, which makes the purported question of privilege akin to the situation of a tree falling in the forest and there being no one there to hear it.

Recently the Chair was in fact anticipating such things happening so has spent some time reviewing such rulings so I had this available when it did arise this morning. On November 27, 2002, the Speaker of the House of Commons said this about a purported question of privilege about what went on in a committee at page 1950 of the Commons Debates for that day:

“In the present case the Speaker has been asked to reach into the proceedings of the committee to overturn something that was done there. Such requests have occurred on many occasions in the past and previous Speakers have, without exception, resisted the temptation to intervene.”

On numerous occasions in the past there have been issues that have arisen out of committee, Committee of Supply, or some other committee that the request was either the Deputy Speaker or the Deputy Chairman of Committees or others have said “well, we think it should come back into the Assembly and you should deal with it.” I have consistently looked at them and said “No. That remains the business of the committee, and that’s where it should be dealt with.”

So there is no prima facie case of privilege. However, the Speaker wants to encourage all Members to work to ensure that the Public Accounts Committee continues its important work and sincerely hopes that a meeting will be scheduled according to the routine schedule, which presumably would be next Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Children’s Services

\$701,824,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Transportation

\$924,118,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$372,080,000	Capital Investment

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, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Hlady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, read a speech regarding aboriginal education and cultural identity presented by Louise Papaiani at an Edmonton Catholic School Rainbow Spirit Project ceremony held on April 30, 2003 at St. Francis Xavier School.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Point of Privilege

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave notice of his intention to rise on a personal point of privilege following today's Routine.

Members' Statements

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, recited from the play Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding alternative infrastructure funding.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding May being recognized as Canada's Asian Heritage Month.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day, April 29, 2003, and the unveiling of a memorial monument on the Legislature grounds.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 5, 2003:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated March 5, 2003, entitled "Providing for an Adequate Retirement Income" prepared by Jim Mance of the Lethbridge-East constituency
Sessional Paper 446/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 postcards from Mike Norris and Emily Stryker, both of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding teachers' salaries and class sizes

Sessional Paper 447/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Missing Pieces IV, An Alternative Guide to Canadian Post-Secondary Education" prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 448/2003

136 postcards signed by University of Alberta students expressing concern regarding the impact of rising tuition fees and requesting the Government further invest in the University of Alberta's core operating budget

Sessional Paper 449/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 5 to May 8, 2003:

Monday, May 5	9:00 p.m.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of the Whole
			Bill 18, 32
			Third Reading
			Bill 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11
			And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 6
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24)
 Energy (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24)
 Community Development
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 6, 18, 29, 32
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 7
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24)
 Agriculture (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24)
 International and
 Intergovernmental Relations
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 28, 34, 35
Third Reading
 Bill 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11
 And as per the Order Paper

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, May 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 2003

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

Recognitions

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Frank Janett for his contributions to Canadian motorsport

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Paul Jeffries, owner of the Smilin' Buddha Tattoo Shop in Calgary

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 2nd annual Bell Walk for Kids held on May 4, 2003 in many Alberta communities in support of the Kids Help Phone

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: National Forest Week, May 4-10, 2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Danielle Schnurer, recipient of the 4-H Premier's Award during the 4-H Selections Program held May 2-5, 2003 at Olds College

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Gwen Klint who expressed her appreciation in a letter to Ms Kryczka for the Government's decision to pay for the cost of Enbrel and Remicade, two prescription drugs used by people affected with rheumatoid arthritis

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Hard work and dedication of the nurses and other support staff at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated January 10, 2003, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Imaging-Volumes and Wait List, 2002/2003 Quarter 2: July 1 to September 30, 2002" prepared by Standards and Measures Branch, Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 450/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated January 3, 2003, from John Kolkman, Research Director, New Democrat Opposition, to Roger Mariner, Alberta Finance and Francine Harvey, Alberta Treasury Branches, requesting documentation relating to the resolution of litigation between Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 451/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 192 Lethbridge and Calgary and area residents urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates
Sessional Paper 452/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 322 Redwater and Elk Point residents urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates
Sessional Paper 453/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Allison Jackson and Shannan Vig, Aldergrove Parent Advocates, to Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, urging Mr. Maskell to voice Aldergrove Elementary School's education funding concerns in the Legislative Assembly, and attaching the Aldergrove Elementary School presentation to the Ward C and E Council Meeting on March 13, 2003
Sessional Paper 454/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from Darlene Boyer of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and its effect on class sizes
Sessional Paper 455/2003

Letter dated March 11, 2003, from Tammy Rachynski of Edmonton to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and requesting that education budgets be allocated based on need as opposed to a predefined per pupil grant
Sessional Paper 456/2003

Letter dated March 26, 2003, from Shandell Switzer of Edmonton to Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud (Minister of Justice and Attorney General), requesting the Government increase education funding
Sessional Paper 457/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 4, 2003, from Linda Wilson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's handling of public education funding issues
Sessional Paper 458/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on April 22, 2003, by
Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona

Sessional Paper 459/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

**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:

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences)
Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 42

Ady	Griffiths	Mason
Amery	Hancock	Massey
Calahasen	Hlady	Masyk
Carlson	Jablonski	Nelson
Cenaiko	Jonson	Oberg
Coutts	Klapstein	Ouellette
Danyluk	Kryczka	Shariff
Doerksen	Lord	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Evans	MacDonald	Stevens
Fritz	Magnus	Tarchuk
Gordon	Mar	Taylor
Goudreau	Marz	Vandermeer
Graydon	Maskell	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

DeLong	Pham	Rathgeber
Haley		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 207 Municipal Government (Councillor Disclosure and Protection) Amendment Act, 2003 – Mr. Lord

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Cenaiko:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta to enhance collaborative partnerships and coordinated programs with various levels of government, policing agencies, and the public to effectively combat organized crime and terrorism.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

510. Moved by Mr. Masyk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring every gasoline service station in Alberta to have at least one full service bay to improve accessibility for the disabled and the elderly.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

A debate followed.

The question was put that Bill 18, Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Ady	Goudreau	Maskell
Amery	Graydon	Nelson
Boutilier	Griffiths	Oberg
Calahasen	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Pham
Coutts	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Klapstein	Smith
DeLong	Kryczka	Stevens
Doerksen	Lord	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Magnus	Woloshyn
Dunford	Mar	Yankowsky
Fritz	Marz	

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Massey
MacDonald		

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Marz, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Minister of Human Resources and Employment) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 460/2003

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 461/2003

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 462/2003

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 463/2003

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 464/2003

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Renner

Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:25 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Centre 2000 in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Danielle Schnurer, recipient of the 4-H Premier's Award during the 4-H Selections Program held May 2-5, 2003 at Olds College.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the April 8, 2003 resolution passed by the Sundre Fish and Game Club to have domestic livestock removed from public lands.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Big Valley Jamboree to be held in Camrose from July 31 to August 3, 2003.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 82 Albertans requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 1, 2003, from Sally Ferrero of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing displeasure with current public education funding in comparison to funding available for upgrading video lottery terminals
Sessional Paper 465/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Executive summary of a report dated August 17, 2001, entitled "Facilitating Major New Generation in Alberta, An Overview of the Transmission Infrastructure Requirements" prepared by ESBI Alberta Ltd.
Sessional Paper 466/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Resolution passed on April 8, 2003, by the Sundre Fish and Game Club regarding the proper management of public lands and the necessary steps to be taken to remove domestic livestock from public lands

Sessional Paper 467/2003

Letter dated March 1, 2003, from Frank, Shane, and Jean Raymond, Outlaws Guiding and Outfitting Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding a decline in the elk population in wildlife management units 416, 417, 418, and 420 and the impact the decline will have on elk hunting

Sessional Paper 468/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail message dated April 15, 2003, from Laureen Purkis of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, stating she will lose her probationary teaching position at the end of this school year due to decisions made by the Government

Sessional Paper 469/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation 2003 held on May 3, 2003

Sessional Paper 470/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated April 29, 2003, from Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 471/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Energy

\$115,256,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$633,497,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

\$1,262,000 Capital Investment

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, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham
- Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
- Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Mr. Magnus
- Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Mr. Hlady
- Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Mr. Strang
- Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: The Computer Shop in Calgary and co-owner Austin Hook, a leader in the development of a computer operating system being used worldwide

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 5-11, 2003 and the Pilgrims' Hospice Society, Edmonton's only voluntary freestanding hospice

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Industrial safety communication program operating in several Edmonton area communities

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, April 24, 2003

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Dave Rodney of Calgary for his efforts with the Nepal Top of the World Society to provide educational scholarships to Sherpa children

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Morinville Art Club which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Post-polio syndrome

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Mr. Bonner on March 17, 2003:

Copies of documents showing a specific breakdown of how much of the \$346,511,000 received by people on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped in the fiscal year 2001-2002 was given as cheques to recipients, how much was spent on medical costs, and how the remainder was spent.

Sessional Paper 472/2003

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 10, 2003:

How much of the \$25.5 million under-expenditure from Income Support to Individuals and Families, \$621,000 under-expenditure from the Widows' Pension Program, and \$8.8 million under-expenditure from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program outlined in the 2001-02 Alberta Human Resources and Employment annual report was spent on homeless shelters, additional system development costs, and salary increases respectively?

Sessional Paper 473/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4:

ForTech 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 474/2003

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9, asked for by Mr. Bonner on March 10, 2003:

A copy of the Department of Infrastructure policy on its contract management process.

Sessional Paper 475/2003

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Report dated Winter 2003, entitled "Metropolitan Outlook 1, Economic Insights into 25 Canadian Metropolitan Economies" prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 476/2003

Report dated Winter 2003, entitled "Provincial Outlook, Economic Forecast" prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 477/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled "Principals' understandings concerning the effects of small grade one classes and instructional improvement" prepared by Dr. José da Costa, Dr. Margaret Haughey, and Dr. Fern Snart for submission to the Journal of Educational Administration and Foundations

Sessional Paper 478/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Statement dated May 6, 2003, by Gordon Dirks, Chair, Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education, regarding the Board's 2003/04 preliminary operating budget

Sessional Paper 479/2003

Speaker's Statement - Notice requirements under Standing Order 30

Hon. Members, before proceeding to Orders of the Day, I wish to make a statement with respect to the notice requirements under Standing Order 30. This will be of particular interest to the three House leaders. Standing Order 30(1) states in part:

“Any Member may request leave to move to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance of which written notice has been given to the Speaker at least two hours prior to the sitting of the Assembly.”

The Chair interprets this provision to mean that the Member must provide the Speaker's Office with notice of the subject-matter of urgent public importance, not just notice that the Member will be raising some as of yet unstated or undetermined matter that afternoon.

The Chair expressed some concern about inadequacy of notice in respect to notice from the then Leader of the Official Opposition concerning a Standing Order 30 application November 14, 2000, at page 1845 of Hansard for that day. The defect in the notice on that occasion was corrected before the matter was raised in the Assembly.

This interpretation of the notice provisions is in keeping with the interpretation of the similar Standing Order in the Canadian House of Commons. Marleau and Montpetit at page 585 states:

“Any Member, be it a private Member or a Minister, who wishes to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration must give the Speaker written notice of the matter he or she wishes to propose for discussion.”

Given that the Chair must rule on whether the application for leave to set aside the business of the Assembly is in order, it only makes sense that there should be some indication as to the subject of the purported urgent and pressing matter.

The Chair gives fair notice to all Members today that in the future, not meeting the requirement of sufficient notice will be cause for the application to be ruled out of order before it is presented. Thank you.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Graham 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$427,051,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 4:34 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 22 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Renner reported as follows:

Madam 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, 2004, for the Department and purpose indicated:

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$6,468,000 Operating Expense

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, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Renner, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 480/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 481/2003

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Mr. Lukaszuk on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Dunford

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Ms Graham, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 482/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 483/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 484/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:09 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding economic growth in Edmonton and Calgary.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding energy deregulation.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the ranking of schools.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Mental Health Week, May 5-11, 2003.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ducharme, Deputy Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee - Part One, dated May 8, 2003, recommending the appointment of Donald M. Hamilton as Ethics Commissioner

Sessional Paper 485/2003

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 178 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 270 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 12, 2003:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an immediate and thorough public review, entirely independent of Government and industry, into the failure of electricity deregulation to deliver fair and reasonable electricity rates for individuals, farms, businesses, municipalities, and public institutions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Ms Carlson on March 10, 2003:

All reports respecting the fish populations, including the populations of walleye and pike, and the general environmental health of Calling Lake prior to and after the April 1, 2002 start of the pilot project which allows approximately two-thirds of Calling Lake to be opened for the harvest of walleye and pike.

Sessional Paper 486/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the process used to recommend a candidate for the position of Ethics Commissioner

Sessional Paper 487/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter, undated, from Darlene Vinge and letter dated February 26, 2003, from Dave Vinge, both of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding the impact of public education under-funding

Sessional Paper 488/2003

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Ruby Stone of Edmonton to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting the Government fully fund the imposed arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 489/2003

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Brenda Lemoine, HELP (Help Education, Listen to Parents), to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding education funding shortfalls

Sessional Paper 490/2003

Letter dated March 17, 2003, from Victor Dorian of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding insufficient education funding

Sessional Paper 491/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated May 7, 2003, with the writer's name struck out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the high cost of utilities due to deregulation

Sessional Paper 492/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated May 7, 2003, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Hon. Mr. Klein,
Premier, expressing concern regarding the failure of electricity deregulation
Sessional Paper 493/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, pursuant to the
Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 494/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 12 to May 15, 2003:

Monday, May 12	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24)
		Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
		Revert to Introduction of Bills
		Bill 40
		Second Reading
		Bill 42
		Third Reading
		Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, May 13

Aft. - **Private Bills**
Third Reading
Bill Pr1, Pr2
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 39, 40
Committee of the Whole
Bill 42
Third Reading
Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31,
34, 35
And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Motions**
Motion 20
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 40
Committee of the Whole
Bill 39, 42
Third Reading
Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31,
34, 35
And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 14

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 39, 42
And as per progress Tuesday
And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bill 40

Third Reading

Bill 39, 42

And as per progress Wednesday
afternoon**Government Motions**

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 15

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

Bill 40

Government Motions

And as per the Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an immediate and thorough public review, entirely independent of Government and industry, into the failure of electricity deregulation to deliver fair and reasonable electricity rates for individuals, farms, businesses, municipalities, and public institutions.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 23 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Sustainable Resource Development

\$191,698,000	Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$3,200,000	Capital Investment

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Daniel Garsonnin of St. Albert who visits Edmonton area grade 6 classrooms to demonstrate motorized model airplanes

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Naval Museum of Alberta located in the constituency of Calgary-Currie

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Dow Chemical for donating \$1 million to a centennial activities centre currently being built in Fort Saskatchewan

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: National Nursing Week, May 12-18, 2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Jean Laniuk of Edmonton who is retiring after 40 years of teaching

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Justine Bouchard, Natalie Jaburek, and Caleb Greenwall all from the Wetaskiwin-Camrose constituency, medal winners at the National Wrestling Championship, and the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team for winning a silver medal at the Royal Bank National Junior A Championship held on May 11, 2003 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright: 2002 Hay West campaign organized by Navan, Ontario farmer Wyatt McWilliams

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 464 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements, December 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 495/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

13 letters, undated, from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 496/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated October 2002, entitled “2002 Calgary Homelessness Study” prepared for the Calgary Homeless Foundation

Sessional Paper 497/2003

APA (American Psychological Association) Monitor Online Magazine article dated November 1999, entitled “Ignoring serious mental illness” prepared by Henry Tomes, Ph.D., APA Executive Director for Public Interest

Sessional Paper 498/2003

Document, undated, entitled “The Homeless Mentally Ill”

Sessional Paper 499/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Fact Sheet" prepared by Korie Helco setting out information regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 500/2003

NewScientist.com website article dated May 7, 2003, entitled "Stem cells can become 'normal sperm'" prepared by Sylvia Pagán Westphal

Sessional Paper 501/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 208 Albertans urging the Government to increase SFI (Supports for Independence) and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 502/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 9 Leduc residents urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 503/2003

Letter dated May 9, 2003, from Linda Louise Meyer to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding increasing electricity costs for people with fixed incomes and requesting an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 504/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 10, 2003, from Shannon Sampert, Ph.D. candidate, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding decreased funding for post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 505/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 11, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding resulting in larger class sizes, with an attached report dated February 23, 2001, entitled "Small Class Size Project" prepared by Edmonton Public Schools and the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 506/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Presentation dated May 1, 2003, entitled "Financial Implications of Provincial Budget for 2003-2004" prepared by Lois Burke Gaffney, Chair, Board of Trustees, Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1

Sessional Paper 507/2003

Letter dated May 4, 2003, from Dr. John Wodak, M.A., Ph.D., of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, providing comments regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits and offering suggestions for improving the AISH program
Sessional Paper 508/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from His Worship Douglas Faulkner, Mayor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, providing information concerning the Municipality's electricity costs from 2000 to 2002

Sessional Paper 509/2003

Letter dated April 8, 2003, from Ian Harvie, Reeve, Mountain View County, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, providing information concerning the County's electricity costs from 2000 to 2002

Sessional Paper 510/2003

Letter dated April 10, 2003, from Margaret Jones, Chief Administrative Officer, Beaver County, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, providing information concerning the County's electricity costs from 2000 to 2002

Sessional Paper 511/2003

News release dated May 8, 2003, entitled "Consumer electricity issues under review" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 512/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 12, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly setting out the procedure for drafting proposed amendments to Bill 42, Electoral Divisions Act

Sessional Paper 513/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences)
Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Danyluk

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Masyk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring every gasoline service station in Alberta to have at least one full service bay to improve accessibility for the disabled and the elderly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

511. Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly institute an all-party Former Members' Association of the Legislative Assembly to focus on the interests of the membership and the good of parliamentary precinct, history, and process.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 24 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2004, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$21,603,000 Operating Expense

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

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

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong
Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Hlady
Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber
Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon.
Mrs. Forsyth
Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Hon. Mr. Coutts on behalf of Mr. Lukaszuk
Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of
Ms Graham
Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

- Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding business revitalization zones.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding a ceremony held on May 3, 2003 at the Calgary-West constituency office to honour 7 recipients of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Karalee Derkson on winning the junior essay category of the National Literacy and Poster Contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the involvement of parents and parents' groups in the public education system.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 42, Electoral Divisions Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 42, Electoral Divisions Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adjust school board operating grants to fully fund the arbitrated teachers' settlement, cover rising school utility costs, and remove the cap on grade 10 credits.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2001 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 514/2003

Victims Programs Status Report 2001/2002
Sessional Paper 515/2003

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

News release, brochure, and poster regarding an information campaign entitled
“We’re Growing Alberta’s Future” prepared by the Alberta Forest Products
Association
Sessional Paper 516/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal
Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 517/2003

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 27, 2003, from Lois Bell of Edmonton to Mr. Maskell, Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding the loss of
teaching positions due to proposed school budget cuts
Sessional Paper 518/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated April 2003, entitled “Energy Efficiency Leadership in California”
prepared by the Natural Resources Defense Council and Silicon Valley
Manufacturing Group
Sessional Paper 519/2003

World Nuclear Association web page article dated March 2002, entitled
“California’s Electricity”
Sessional Paper 520/2003

GeoInvestor.com web page article dated February 12, 2001, entitled “California’s
Dreaming, Energy Policymakers Can’t Defy Economics Forever” prepared by
William P. Kucewicz
Sessional Paper 521/2003

Energy Information Administration web page article, undated, entitled
“Electricity Shortage in California: Issues for Petroleum and Natural Gas Supply”
Sessional Paper 522/2003

GeoInvestor.com web page article dated October 19, 2002, entitled "Power Politics: Drawing Lessons From California's Electricity Crisis" prepared by William P. Kucewicz

Sessional Paper 523/2003

Reason Public Policy Institute web page article dated October 9, 2002, entitled "Vernon L. Smith and Experimental Economics and Retail Electricity Deregulation: Demonstrating the Benefits of Choice" prepared by Lynne Kiesling

Sessional Paper 524/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 10, 2003, from Sue Knowlton of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, stating she may be forced out of the teaching profession due to conflicts with the Government and requesting Ms Blakeman's assistance in protecting education and educators

Sessional Paper 525/2003

Publication, undated, entitled "A Handbook for Employers of Live-In Caregivers in Alberta" prepared by Caridad Bernardino, Ph.D., and Denise L. Spitzer, Ph.D.

Sessional Paper 526/2003

Publication, undated, entitled "A Handbook for Live-In Caregivers in Alberta" prepared by Idalia Ivon Pereira, M.Sc. and Denise L. Spitzer, Ph.D.

Sessional Paper 527/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 20, 2003, from Alvin Reib of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the treatment seniors are receiving from the medical system

Sessional Paper 528/2003

Petition signed by 91 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley

Sessional Paper 529/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated May 2003, entitled "Response to the Minister of Learning Regarding Alberta Learning's Operational Review of Edmonton Public Schools" prepared by Edmonton Public Schools

Sessional Paper 530/2003

Letter dated April 17, 2003, from Hermina Dykxhoorn, Executive Director, Alberta Federation of Women for United Families, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting changes to existing legislation to enable grandparents to maintain access to their grandchildren

Sessional Paper 531/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated May 12, 2003, from the École Chinook Park School Council to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding public education under-funding, the funding formula, and the unfunded arbitrated teachers' settlement
Sessional Paper 532/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated March 19, 2003, entitled "Parents question decision to open new Charter School" prepared by the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils
Sessional Paper 533/2003

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Liz Greenaway of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the possible loss of staff at King Edward Public School and regarding the school's dependency on casinos to fund education
Sessional Paper 534/2003

E-mail message dated March 5, 2003, from R.H. Foerger of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing concern regarding education under-funding
Sessional Paper 535/2003

E-mail message dated March 20, 2003, from Cindy LeClerc of Hinton to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, expressing concern regarding the formula used to determine school utilization and capacity
Sessional Paper 536/2003

Letter dated March 21, 2003, from Brenda Davidson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of necessary education funding, large class sizes, and the loss of teaching staff at Lorelei Elementary School
Sessional Paper 537/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Brochure dated Spring 2003, entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 25th Legislature, 3rd Session" prepared by Visitor, Ceremonial and Security Services, Legislative Assembly of Alberta
Sessional Paper 538/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Mistahia Health Region, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 539/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Research Technology Management Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 540/2003

Research Technology Management Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2001
Sessional Paper 541/2003

Research Technology Management Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 542/2003

Research Technology Management Inc., Financial Statements, January 24, 2003
Sessional Paper 543/2003

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Dr. Massey on March 17, 2003:

What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?

Sessional Paper 544/2003

Alberta Learning, 2002-2005 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 545/2003

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2001, Sections 1 to 3

Sessional Paper 546/2003

Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, including Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the Year/Period Ended June 30, 2001 and Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the Year/Period Ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 547/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2):

University of Alberta 1991 Foundation, Financial Statements for the Period Ended November 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 548/2003

The Arctic Institute of North America, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 549/2003

Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 550/2003

Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 551/2003

Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001
Sessional Paper 552/2003

Public Colleges Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements, March 31, 1998
Sessional Paper 553/2003

Public Colleges Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements, March 31, 1999
Sessional Paper 554/2003

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adjust school board operating grants to fully fund the arbitrated teachers' settlement, cover rising school utility costs, and remove the cap on grade 10 credits.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Griffiths

Bill Pr2 Forest Lawn Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 42, Electoral Divisions Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Bonner	Mason	Nicol
Carlson	Massey	Taft

Against the amendment: 35

Ady	Hancock	Masyk
Cao	Herard	Nelson
Cardinal	Hutton	Norris
Coutts	Jacobs	O'Neill
Evans	Jonson	Pham
Friedel	Klapstein	Renner
Fritz	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Gordon	Lord	Tannas
Graham	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Graydon	Mar	Vandermeer
Griffiths	Marz	Zwozdesky
Haley	Maskell	

The question for Second Reading of Bill 42, Electoral Divisions Act being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Ady	Herard	Nelson
Cao	Hutton	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jacobs	Pham
Ducharme	Jonson	Renner
Evans	Klapstein	Shariff
Friedel	Kryczka	Smith
Fritz	Lord	Snelgrove
Gordon	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Graham	Mar	Tannas
Graydon	Marz	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Maskell	Vandermeer
Haley	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson	Nicol	Taft
Mason		

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

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 555/2003

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the May 8, 2003 Report - Part One of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Donald M. Hamilton be appointed Ethics Commissioner of Alberta for a 5-year term.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed on the amendment introduced by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General as found in Sessional Paper 556/2003.

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

For the amendment: 36

Ady	Hancock	Masyk
Cao	Herard	Nelson
Cardinal	Hutton	Norris
Coutts	Jacobs	O'Neill
Evans	Jonson	Ouellette
Friedel	Klapstein	Pham
Fritz	Kryczka	Renner
Gordon	Lord	Smith
Graham	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Graydon	Mar	Stevens
Griffiths	Marz	VanderBurg
Haley	Maskell	Vandermeer

Against the amendment: 4

Carlson	Massey	Taft
Mason		

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendment to Bill 42 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 556/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

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

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that 7 of the current Pages would not be returning for the next Session of the Legislature and presented the Pages with a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

The Speaker read a letter he received from the 7 Pages of the Legislative Assembly who will not be returning for the next Session.

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) Foundation which has implemented a CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) training program in 2 school divisions in the Lacombe-Stettler constituency

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Seniors' Week, June 1-7, 2003

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency for recently hosting the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Regimental Ball and RCMP Commissioner, Giuliano Zaccardelli

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Gerri Cook, recipient of the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association 2003 Friend of the Industry Award on April 5, 2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Museum of the Regiments located in the Calgary-Currie constituency

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Shawna Churchill of Medicine Hat, winner of the 2003 Norm McLeod Dream Weaver Award created to promote community inclusion for people with developmental disabilities

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Ron LaJeunesse, recipient of the Grant MacEwan Literary Award on May 10, 2003 for his book entitled "Political Asylums"

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 133 Albertans requesting legislation enabling grandparents to maintain ongoing contact with their grandchildren.

The petition put forth by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, was not in order to be presented.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 1,052 Albertans requesting the Government establish a provincially subsidized monthly transit pass program for low income Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, gave oral notice of the following motion (Government Motion 23):

Be it resolved that given that the current process of appointing Senators offends Canadians' democratic values, has deprived that House of political legitimacy and efficacy, and has prevented the Senate from being effective in protecting the interests of the provinces of Canada; the Legislative Assembly directs the Government of Alberta to consult with Albertans on reforming the Senate through the following Constitutional amendment, namely by repealing Sections 21 to 34 of the Constitution Act, 1867 and substituting the following:

21(1) The Senate shall consist of elected members called Senators.

(2) Each Province shall be represented in the Senate by 6 Senators.

(3) Each Territory shall be represented in the Senate by 2 Senators.

22(1) Subject to this section, the Senators representing a Province or Territory shall be elected by the electors of that Province or Territory.

(2) The legislature of a Province or of a Territory may make laws relating to the election of Senators representing that Province or Territory, including the method of election and the procedure for the election.

(3) Except in the case of by-elections, and except in the case of the first election held pursuant to this section, the election of one-half of the Senators representing a Province or Territory shall be held in conjunction with the general elections of members of the legislative assembly of the Province or of the Territory.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) and unless the office is sooner vacated, and except in the case of a Senator elected in a by-election, the term of office of a Senator representing a Province or Territory continues until the official announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the second general election in that Province or Territory after the election of that Senator.

(5) The first election held pursuant to this section in each Province or Territory shall be for the election of all the Senators representing that Province or Territory.

(6) The term of office for one half of the Senators elected from each Province and Territory at the first election held pursuant to this section in each Province or Territory continues until the official announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the next general election in that Province or Territory.

(7) In relation to the Senators representing that Province or Territory, the legislature of a Province or of a Territory may make laws establishing which Senators subsection (6) applies to.

23(1) Subject to this section, a person is qualified to be a candidate and to be elected Senator if the person is eligible to be a candidate and to be elected as a member of the House of Commons.

(2) A person is not qualified to be elected as a Senator or to remain a Senator if the person

(a) is a member of the House of Commons or of the legislative assembly of a Province or of a Territory, or

(b) is a Minister of the Crown

(3) If any question arises respecting the qualification of a Senator, the question shall be heard and determined by the Senate.

24(1) A Senator may resign his or her seat by delivering a resignation to the Governor General.

(2) When a Senator resigns his or her seat in accordance with subsection (1), the seat immediately becomes vacant.

25(1) A by-election to fill a vacancy in the Senate representation of a Province or Territory need not be called if

(a) the vacancy occurs during the last year of the legal life of the legislative assembly of the Province or of the Territory, and

(b) the term of office of the Senator, who vacated that seat would have expired with the announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the next general election in the Province or Territory.

(2) The term of office for a Senator elected at a by-election shall be for the balance of the term of the Senator who vacated the seat.

26 The Senate may establish its own procedure for the election of the Speaker of the Senate and for the conduct of the Senate's business.

27 Subject to section 53, bills proposed to the Parliament of Canada may originate in the Senate equally as in the House of Commons.

28(1) Where a bill is presented to the Senate after being passed by the House of Commons, if the Senate

(a) votes against passing the bill,

(b) passes the bill with amendments that are not acceptable to the House of Commons, or

(c) fails to vote on the bill within 180 days after it is presented to the Senate,

the bill may be brought before the House of Commons and if again passed by the House of Commons, with such amendments made by the Senate as are concurred in by the House, the bill may be presented to the Governor General for assent, and when assented to has the same force and effect as if passed in that form by the Senate.

(2) In a bill presented to the Governor General under this section, the words of enactment shall be amended by striking out any reference to the Senate.

(3) An alteration to a bill to give effect to subsection (2) is deemed not to be an amendment of the bill.

(4) This section does not apply to a bill referred to in section 30.

29 If the Speaker of the Senate or of the House of Commons rules that the subject matter of a bill is wholly or partially within section 94A or 95, the bill may be repassed by the House of Commons under section 28 only if

(a) the percentage of the members voting who vote to pass the bill is greater than the percentage of Senators voting who voted to reject the bill or pass it with amendments, or

(b) the Senate fails to vote on the bill within 180 days after it is presented to the Senate.

30 Where a bill is presented to the Senate after being passed by the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Senate or of the House of Commons rules that the bill

(a) directly affects in any way, including by taxation, the natural resources of a Province,

(b) authorizes the expenditure of federal funds in areas of provincial jurisdiction under sections 92, 92A and 93,

(c) is binding on a Province, or

(d) declares a local work or undertaking to be of the general advantage of Canada or for the advantage of two or more Provinces

if the Senate votes against passing the bill or passes it with amendments not acceptable to the House of Commons no further proceedings may be taken on the bill.

31 Appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada and to the Federal Court of Appeal have no effect until they are ratified by the Senate.

32 No treaty shall be ratified by Canada unless the Senate has authorized Canada to ratify the treaty.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

given that the Constitution establishes Canada as a federal system of government in which the sovereign powers of the Crown are divided between two separate but equal orders of government; and that the federal Parliament is comprised of two Houses: the House of Commons, which is designed to reflect the democratic principle of representation by population, and a Senate, which is designed to reflect the federal nature of Canada; and that Canada is a parliamentary democracy that has constitutionally enshrined the democratic right of every citizen of Canada to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons and of their legislative assembly;

the Legislative Assembly directs the Government of Alberta to initiate discussions with the Government of Canada and the governments of all other Provinces and Territories leading to the reform of the Senate.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Norris on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-3, s64(5):

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visit 2003" prepared by John Church, Animal Welfare Specialist
Sessional Paper 557/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised on May 7, 2003, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2003-04 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 558/2003

News release dated May 14, 2003, entitled "Agri-Food Discovery Place: Safer Food, Healthier People" prepared by the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 559/2003

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Compliance Assessment and Enforcement Initiatives, Annual Report April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 560/2003

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

News release dated May 14, 2003, entitled "Leading organizations join forces to improve agri-research and learning in Alberta" prepared by the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 561/2003

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

42 letters, undated, from Alberta small business owners to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, urging the Government to postpone proposed legislative changes that will adversely affect Workers' Compensation Board premiums

Sessional Paper 562/2003

Letter, undated, to the Editor of the Drayton Valley Western Review newspaper, from Ken Cameron discussing initiatives by residents of the constituency of Drayton Valley-Calmar to improve Alberta's position within Confederation

Sessional Paper 563/2003

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

2 letters, the first dated May 8, 2003, from John Stitzenberger, Spokesperson, Concerned Parents of GYRD (Grande Yellowhead Regional Division) #35 students in Edson, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with attached information package, and the second dated May 9, 2003, from His Worship Gary Mahon, Mayor, Town of Edson, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting the Government reconsider its decision to transfer schools from GYRD to the Living Waters Catholic Regional Division

Sessional Paper 564/2003

2 letters, the first dated May 8, 2003, from John Stitzenberger, Spokesperson, Concerned Parents of GYRD (Grande Yellowhead Regional Division) #35 students in Edson, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, with attached information package, and the second dated May 9, 2003, from His Worship Gary Mahon, Mayor, Town of Edson, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting the Government reconsider its decision to transfer schools from GYRD to the Living Waters Catholic Regional Division

Sessional Paper 565/2003

Letter, dated May 8, 2003, from John Stitzenberger, Spokesperson, Concerned Parents of GYRD (Grande Yellowhead Regional Division) #35 students in Edson, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting the Government reconsider its decision to transfer schools from GYRD to the Living Waters Catholic Regional Division

Sessional Paper 566/2003

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Copy of a petition signed by 42 owners of Hilltop House condominiums in the constituency of Calgary-Egmont, urging the Government to amend the Condominium Property Act and regulations to relieve the unfair financial burden placed on condominium owners with respect to the capital replacement reserve fund

Sessional Paper 567/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

1 letter dated May 6, 2003, from J.A. Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Cremona, to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, and 3 letters, undated, from Karen Kreks and B. Pentz both of Didsbury and Katherine J. Day of Crossfield to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury district health services be included in the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 568/2003

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Copy of a petition signed by 74 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to address a variety of education funding needs

Sessional Paper 569/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Copy of a petition signed by 131 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to increase public education funding

Sessional Paper 570/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Presentation entitled "Creating Protections for Better Lives of Vulnerable Seniors in Care Today and in the Future" prepared by Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare (FAIRE) to be made to the Standing Policy Committee on Health and Community Living on June 17, 2003

Sessional Paper 571/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Copy of a petition signed by 872 Albertans urging the Government to consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt

Sessional Paper 572/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a petition signed by 77 Albertans requesting an immediate increase in AISH (Assured Income for Severely Handicapped) and SFI (Supports for Independence) benefits

Sessional Paper 573/2003

Presentation entitled "The Stakeholder Coalition for Economic Transmission Policy" made to the Standing Policy Committee on Energy and Sustainable Development on February 25, 2002

Sessional Paper 574/2003

Letter dated May 14, 2003, from His Worship Bill Smith, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, urging Mr. Hancock to reconsider adopting the boundaries as established by the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Sessional Paper 575/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

2 e-mail messages, dated May 13, 2003 and May 14, 2003, from Bonnie Dani to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the proposed teacher lay-offs within the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 576/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 28, 2003, from H el ene O'Connor of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding increasing medical school tuition fees

Sessional Paper 577/2003

6 letters from Edmonton residents and a variety of associations representing the deaf, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting the Government's support to keep the ASL (American Sign Language)-English Interpreter Program at Grant MacEwan College

Sessional Paper 578/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 11, 2003, from William G. Daly of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding increasing health costs for seniors

Sessional Paper 579/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Document, undated, entitled "Electricity Retail Price Fact Sheet"

Sessional Paper 580/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s658(2):

Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 581/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-27, s30:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 582/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5) and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated With Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 583/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2002"
Sessional Paper 584/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 17, 2003:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount *and range of achievement bonuses* given to employees in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for the 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 585/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 17, 2003:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount given as *achievement bonuses to employees* in the Alberta Seniors Ministry, *and what is the number of employees, broken down by range of the bonus amount, who received a bonus for the 2001-2002 fiscal year?*

Sessional Paper 586/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 17, 2003:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount *and range of achievement bonuses* given to employees in the Alberta Government Services Ministry *broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range, for the 2001-2002 fiscal year?*

Sessional Paper 587/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Carlson on March 17, 2003:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?*

Sessional Paper 588/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Ms Carlson on March 17, 2003:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?*

Sessional Paper 589/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Bonner on April 14, 2003:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Transportation over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?*

Sessional Paper 590/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Bonner on April 14, 2003:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Municipal Affairs over the 2001-2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?*

Sessional Paper 591/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR3, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 17, 2003:

A detailed breakdown of expenses including, but not limited to, research fees, hosting fees, salaries, consulting fees, public relations, advertising costs, and meeting expenses for the following committees set up under the Report of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health: Committee on Collaboration and Innovation, Expert Advisory Panel to Review Publicly Funded Health Services, MLA Task Force on Health Care Funding and Revenue Generation, and the Health Reform Implementation Team.

Sessional Paper 592/2003

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 17, 2003:

A breakdown of the bonuses, *and the aggregate amount thereof*, paid to *managers and senior officials* of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1997-98 to 2000-01 broken down by range of bonus amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range.

Sessional Paper 593/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Responses to questions raised on April 10, 2003, Department of Gaming, 2003-04 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 594/2003

Letter dated May 14, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to Wendy M. Sauve of Edmonton, responding to Ms Sauve's letter dated April 8, 2003, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the distribution of funds from the Alberta Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 595/2003

Responses to Written Questions WQ13 and WQ14, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 28, 2003:

What were the total sales numbers, broken down by individual game, for the sports lottery products Pro Line, Over/Under, and Point Spread, for the calendar years 2000 through 2002 inclusive?

What was the total payout to customers in the form of winnings from tickets purchased, broken down individually by game, from the sports lottery products Pro Line, Over/Under, and Point Spread, for the fiscal years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 596/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Unanimous Consent**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 61(2) allowing for Third Reading consideration following Committee of the Whole consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) to allow for consideration of Government Motion 23.

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, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(3).

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 42, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Abbott	Graham	McClelland
Ady	Haley	McFarland
Amery	Hancock	Norris
Broda	Herard	Rathgeber
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Cenaiko	Horner	Shariff
Danyluk	Jablonski	Snelgrove
DeLong	Jacobs	Stelmach
Doerksen	Jonson	Strang
Dunford	Klapstein	Tarchuk
Evans	Lord	Taylor
Friedel	Lougheed	VanderBurg
Fritz	Lund	Vandermeer
Gordon	Marz	Zwozdesky
Goudreau	Masyk	

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	MacDonald	Massey
Bonner	Mason	Pannu

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta Emergency Services Medal presentation held today at the Legislature Building.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding constitutional and senate reform.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding democracy in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding provincial fiscal policies.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the role of the Opposition in a parliamentary democracy.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 860 Albertans requesting the Government consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 26, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

E-mail message dated May 14, 2003, from Professor Tang G. Lee, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, to April Turnbull, Alberta Infrastructure, regarding testing done for mold at the Holy Cross Hospital

Sessional Paper 597/2003

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Report dated January 2002, entitled "At a Crossroads, First Results for the 18 to 20-Year-old Cohort of the Youth in Transition Survey" prepared by Human Resources Development Canada and Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 598/2003

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter dated May 8, 2003, from John Stitzenberger of Edson to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, inviting the Ministers to attend a meeting with concerned parents of the Grande Yellowhead Regional Division #35 to discuss the closure and transfer of Jubilee Junior High School

Sessional Paper 599/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Quackwatch.org web page article, undated, entitled "Mold Neurotoxicity: Validity, Reliability and Baloney" prepared by Paul R. Lees-Haley, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Sessional Paper 600/2003

Sacramento Bee web page article dated January 20, 2002, entitled "Experts taking issue with toxic mold" prepared by Andrew LePage

Sessional Paper 601/2003

Toxic Mold Center web page article, undated, entitled "Toxic Mold Information"

Sessional Paper 602/2003

Report dated May 2002, entitled "Environmental Law Advisory, Indoor Toxic Mold: A Mushrooming Problem?" prepared by the law firm of Goodwin Procter

Sessional Paper 603/2003

Excerpt from Popular Science magazine dated May 2001, entitled "Home Technology, Wet Basement? Charge it?" regarding electro-osmotic pulse technology

Sessional Paper 604/2003

Information package, undated, entitled "Waterproofing Isn't Foolproof... Electro-Osmotic Pulse Technology Is" prepared by Drytronic Incorporated

Sessional Paper 605/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Oral Question Period on May 13, 2003, regarding the West Nile virus

Sessional Paper 606/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News release dated April 29, 2003, entitled "Pro Coro Canada's Executive Director Miki Andrejevic to Receive (Queen's Golden Jubilee) Medal" prepared by Pro Coro Canada

Sessional Paper 607/2003

News release dated May 5, 2003, entitled "Bottom Line Productions Celebrates 10 Years in the Arts Biz and an Expansion to the South" prepared by Bottom Line Productions

Sessional Paper 608/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 9, 2003, from Gerald Zagrosh, President, Pain Elimination and Tissue Regeneration Clinic, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, claiming he is able to eliminate pain and attaching a technical paper on pain

Sessional Paper 609/2003

Letter dated May 15, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding funding for the teachers' arbitrated settlement with attached document dated June 27, 2002, entitled "Award in the matter of an arbitration under the Education Services Settlement Act, between the Edmonton Public School Board No. 7 and the Alberta Teachers' Association" prepared by David Phillip Jones, Q.C.

Sessional Paper 610/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Petition signed by 388 Albertans requesting the Government consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt

Sessional Paper 611/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Petition signed by 114 Albertans requesting the Government consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt

Sessional Paper 612/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 14, 2003, from Kelly Duffin, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Canadian Hearing Society, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the closure of the American Sign Language English interpreting program at Grant MacEwan College

Sessional Paper 613/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Excerpt from the Calgary Catholic School District 2003-2004 district operating budget relating to plant operations and maintenance funding

Sessional Paper 614/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Brochure, undated, entitled "English as a Second Language, Field Trip Guide to the Alberta Legislature" prepared by Visitor, Ceremonial and Security Services, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 615/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of several Bills noted on the Order Paper which may be considered for Government Business for the week of May 20 to May 22, 2003.

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Government Motions

23. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, May 14, 2003, Hon. Mr. Jonson moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that given that the current process of appointing Senators offends Canadians' democratic values, has deprived that House of political legitimacy and efficacy, and has prevented the Senate from being effective in protecting the interests of the provinces of Canada; the Legislative Assembly directs the Government of Alberta to consult with Albertans on reforming the Senate through the following Constitutional amendment, namely by repealing Sections 21 to 34 of the Constitution Act, 1867 and substituting the following:

21(1) The Senate shall consist of elected members called Senators.

(2) Each Province shall be represented in the Senate by 6 Senators.

(3) Each Territory shall be represented in the Senate by 2 Senators.

22(1) Subject to this section, the Senators representing a Province or Territory shall be elected by the electors of that Province or Territory.

(2) The legislature of a Province or of a Territory may make laws relating to the election of Senators representing that Province or Territory, including the method of election and the procedure for the election.

(3) Except in the case of by-elections, and except in the case of the first election held pursuant to this section, the election of one-half of the Senators representing a Province or Territory shall be held in conjunction with the general elections of members of the legislative assembly of the Province or of the Territory.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) and unless the office is sooner vacated, and except in the case of a Senator elected in a by-election, the term of office of a Senator representing a Province or Territory continues until the official announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the second general election in that Province or Territory after the election of that Senator.

(5) The first election held pursuant to this section in each Province or Territory shall be for the election of all the Senators representing that Province or Territory.

(6) The term of office for one half of the Senators elected from each Province and Territory at the first election held pursuant to this section in each Province or Territory continues until the official announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the next general election in that Province or Territory.

(7) In relation to the Senators representing that Province or Territory, the legislature of a Province or of a Territory may make laws establishing which Senators subsection (6) applies to.

23(1) Subject to this section, a person is qualified to be a candidate and to be elected Senator if the person is eligible to be a candidate and to be elected as a member of the House of Commons.

(2) A person is not qualified to be elected as a Senator or to remain a Senator if the person

(a) is a member of the House of Commons or of the legislative assembly of a Province or of a Territory, or

(b) is a Minister of the Crown

(3) If any question arises respecting the qualification of a Senator, the question shall be heard and determined by the Senate.

24(1) A Senator may resign his or her seat by delivering a resignation to the Governor General.

(2) When a Senator resigns his or her seat in accordance with subsection (1), the seat immediately becomes vacant.

25(1) A by-election to fill a vacancy in the Senate representation of a Province or Territory need not be called if

(a) the vacancy occurs during the last year of the legal life of the legislative assembly of the Province or of the Territory, and

(b) the term of office of the Senator, who vacated that seat would have expired with the announcement of the results of the Senate elections held in conjunction with the next general election in the Province or Territory.

(2) The term of office for a Senator elected at a by-election shall be for the balance of the term of the Senator who vacated the seat.

26 The Senate may establish its own procedure for the election of the Speaker of the Senate and for the conduct of the Senate's business.

27 Subject to section 53, bills proposed to the Parliament of Canada may originate in the Senate equally as in the House of Commons.

28(1) Where a bill is presented to the Senate after being passed by the House of Commons, if the Senate

(a) votes against passing the bill,

(b) passes the bill with amendments that are not acceptable to the House of Commons, or

(c) fails to vote on the bill within 180 days after it is presented to the Senate,

the bill may be brought before the House of Commons and if again passed by the House of Commons, with such amendments made by the Senate as are concurred in by the House, the bill may be presented to the Governor General for assent, and when assented to has the same force and effect as if passed in that form by the Senate.

(2) In a bill presented to the Governor General under this section, the words of enactment shall be amended by striking out any reference to the Senate.

(3) An alteration to a bill to give effect to subsection (2) is deemed not to be an amendment of the bill.

(4) This section does not apply to a bill referred to in section 30.

29 If the Speaker of the Senate or of the House of Commons rules that the subject matter of a bill is wholly or partially within section 94A or 95, the bill may be repassed by the House of Commons under section 28 only if

(a) the percentage of the members voting who vote to pass the bill is greater than the percentage of Senators voting who voted to reject the bill or pass it with amendments, or

(b) the Senate fails to vote on the bill within 180 days after it is presented to the Senate.

30 Where a bill is presented to the Senate after being passed by the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Senate or of the House of Commons rules that the bill

(a) directly affects in any way, including by taxation, the natural resources of a Province,

(b) authorizes the expenditure of federal funds in areas of provincial jurisdiction under sections 92, 92A and 93,

(c) is binding on a Province, or

(d) declares a local work or undertaking to be of the general advantage of Canada or for the advantage of two or more Provinces

if the Senate votes against passing the bill or passes it with amendments not acceptable to the House of Commons no further proceedings may be taken on the bill.

31 Appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada and to the Federal Court of Appeal have no effect until they are ratified by the Senate.

32 No treaty shall be ratified by Canada unless the Senate has authorized Canada to ratify the treaty.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

given that the Constitution establishes Canada as a federal system of government in which the sovereign powers of the Crown are divided between two separate but equal orders of government; and that the federal Parliament is comprised of two Houses: the House of Commons, which is designed to reflect the democratic principle of representation by population, and a Senate, which is designed to reflect the federal nature of Canada; and that Canada is a parliamentary democracy that has constitutionally enshrined the democratic right of every citizen of Canada to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons and of their legislative assembly;

the Legislative Assembly directs the Government of Alberta to initiate discussions with the Government of Canada and the governments of all other Provinces and Territories leading to the reform of the Senate.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by deleting all words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 40, Appropriation Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the inadequate provision made for the education of children will result in a crisis in schools.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald	Pannu	

Against the amendment: 36

Abbott	Hancock	Oberg
Ady	Hlady	O'Neill
Amery	Horner	Ouellette
Broda	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Calahasen	Johnson	Shariff
Cenaiko	Klapstein	Snelgrove
DeLong	Knight	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Gordon	Lund	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McClelland	Woloshyn
Graydon	McFarland	Yankowsky
Griffiths	Nelson	Zwozdesky

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Appropriation Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 5 agreed to by the Assembly on February 19, 2003, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

FALL SITTING

NOVEMBER 18, 2003 TO DECEMBER 3, 2003

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

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 former Members Mr. Dick Johnston, Member for Lethbridge-East, 1975 to 1993, who passed away on June 25, 2003, Mr. Gordon Taylor, Member for Drumheller, 1940 to 1979, who passed away on July 26, 2003, Mr. Lewis Mitchell Clark, Member for Drumheller, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on September 10, 2003, and Mr. Richard Herbert Jamieson, Member for Jasper-West, 1959 to 1963, who passed away on September 15, 2003.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimos on winning their 12th Grey Cup on November 16, 2003 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Hon. Mr. Klein also congratulated the people of Regina for hosting a very successful Grey Cup week.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding Hazel McGregor of Lacombe, recipient of the Doreen Befus Award as the 2003 outstanding self-advocate for adults with developmental disabilities, sponsored by the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Central Alberta Community Board.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding family violence and the creation of the family violence roundtable announced by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding wrestling legend Stu Hart of Calgary who passed away on October 16, 2003.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding education funding.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,003 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Point of Privilege

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. VanderBurg

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. VanderBurg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 18, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Hugh Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Eskimos Football Club, congratulating the entire Edmonton Eskimo organization on winning the 2003 Grey Cup

Sessional Paper 616/2003

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report, 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 617/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copy of a petition signed by 5,255 Albertans requesting the repair and restoration of the Michener Centre Administrative Building

Sessional Paper 618/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Postcard prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus as part of a campaign against the 42% increase in long-term care facility fees and its effect on seniors

Sessional Paper 619/2003

Letter dated July 16, 2003, from B. Kay of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, protesting the Government's intention to increase long-term care facility fees by 42%

Sessional Paper 620/2003

E-mail message dated June 19, 2003, from Margaret Griffith of Montana to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effect an increase in long-term care facility fees will have on her mother living in Alberta

Sessional Paper 621/2003

E-mail message dated August 27, 2003, from Deanna Summy of Alberta to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the cost of long-term care and the difficulty in obtaining respite care for her husband

Sessional Paper 622/2003

E-mail message dated May 16, 2003, from Michael James of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding his wife losing her job as a teacher

Sessional Paper 623/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Petition signed by 48 Albertans requesting an increase in income support and medical benefits, requesting that low income programs be consolidated, and requesting the implementation of the Market Basket Measure

Sessional Paper 624/2003

Request for Proposal #03-02, dated August 2003, entitled "Consumer Protection/Customer Choice Campaign: Electricity and Natural Gas, Notice of Competition" prepared by the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau and Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 625/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document, undated, entitled "Two Year Comparison of September 30 Core Class Sizes in Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta Learning Grade Ranges and Two Year Comparison of September 30 Core Class Sizes in Edmonton Public Schools, Learning Commission Grade Ranges"

Sessional Paper 626/2003

News release dated November 13, 2003, entitled "Trustees call for immediate direction of surplus funds to classrooms" prepared by Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Sessional Paper 627/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Revised draft dated September 12, 2003, of a report dated September 2003, entitled "Report and Recommendations on Consumer Concerns" prepared by the Advisory Council on Electricity

Sessional Paper 628/2003

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated October 23, 2003, from Nancy Hamilton of Edmonton to Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern and offering recommendations regarding the Commission on Learning's report released on October 7, 2003

Sessional Paper 629/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-2, s 4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer, Twenty-sixth Annual Report for the Calendar Year 2002
Sessional Paper 630/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 631/2003

Point of Privilege

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Minister of Infrastructure's knowledge of test results for toxic mold at the Holy Cross Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requested that the matter be heard the following day. The Speaker agreed to defer the matter to November 19, 2003.

During the purported point of privilege Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Information package containing copies of several e-mail messages relating to the point of privilege raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview
Sessional Paper 632/2003

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 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lougheed

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 633/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Minister of Environment) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 634/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:40 p.m. until Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Grade 5 students from Allan Johnstone School in Hardisty for compiling a book entitled "Standing Guard: Through the Eyes of the Sentinels" which won first place in the Kids are Authors competition sponsored by Scholastic Book Fairs

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Peter Papasideris, Calgary business owner and long-distance rifle marksman on his many achievements as a competitive marksman

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: J. Percy Page School for being recognized by the Canada School Network as one of Canada's innovative schools in 2003-2004

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 10th anniversary of the Edmonton School Hot Lunch Program organized by the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: City of Wetaskiwin on winning the Communities in Bloom National Award in its population category and on winning the Glad Tidiness Effort National Award

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Dr. Harvey Woytiuk of St. Paul on recently being named Alberta's family physician of the year by the College of Family Physicians of Canada

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Kelsey Trach of the Vermilion area who recently raised \$15,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society by riding a horse from Vermilion to Edmonton

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,077 Albertans requesting Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act be amended to include a tuition fee policy and urging the Government to regulate tuition levels in a manner consistent with the principles of affordability and accessibility.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

Bill 47 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated October 2, 2003, entitled "ENMAX Files Applications for 2004 Electricity Rate Tariffs in Calgary" prepared by ENMAX Corporation
Sessional Paper 635/2003

Letter, undated, from Brett Borgic to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the absence of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during debate on Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 636/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated September 2003, entitled "Alberta Bill 43: Post-secondary Learning Act, Analysis" prepared by Satya Brata Das and K.J. (Ken) Chapman, Cambridge Strategies Inc.

Sessional Paper 637/2003

Letter dated November 18, 2003, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing concern regarding the response by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to the Commission on Learning, and opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 638/2003

News release dated November 18, 2003, entitled "So What Does It Mean in the Classrooms?" prepared by Action for Education

Sessional Paper 639/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Jennifer Spencer to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 640/2003

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Joe Vanderhelm to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's response to post-secondary education issues

Sessional Paper 641/2003

Letter, undated, from Nicole Schafenacker of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing her opinion on access to education

Sessional Paper 642/2003

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Mark Henderson of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding access to education and opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 643/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 documents, the first dated August 23, 2001, entitled "Bacterial Isolate Identification Data Summary" and the second dated July 20, 2001, entitled "Test Report" both prepared by Bio-Chem Consulting Services Ltd.

Sessional Paper 644/2003

One World United web site article dated September 26, 2003, entitled "Absconding Doctors Cripple Bangladesh Healthcare" prepared by Sharier Khan

Sessional Paper 645/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Study dated October 2003 entitled "Un-accountable: The Case of Highway Maintenance Privatization in Alberta" prepared by Lisa Prescott, M.Sc., for the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 646/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 30, 2003, from David Masluk of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commenting on some of the Commission on Learning's recommendations

Sessional Paper 647/2003

Document, undated, entitled "The Alberta Liberal Plan for Public Auto Insurance, People Before Profits" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 648/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 649/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

6 e-mail messages from Red Deer residents to Michael Dawe, City of Red Deer, expressing support for the restoration of the Michener Centre recently damaged by fire

Sessional Paper 650/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 18, 2003, from Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 651/2003

Point of Privilege

The Speaker heard comments from Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Dr. Taft on November 18, 2003.

The Speaker indicated he will respond to the point of privilege on November 24, 2003.

During the purported point of privilege Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, tabled the following:

E-mail message dated May 29, 2003, from Professor Tang G. Lee, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, to Bob Smith, Government of Alberta, regarding the air quality examination of the former Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 652/2003

Letter dated May 29, 2003, from Mark Carrier, O.H.T., to Enterprise Universal Inc., regarding the review of the former bioaerosols (fungi) investigations in the Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 653/2003

E-mail message dated May 29, 2003, from Dave Ayriss, B.Sc., C.R.S.P., Project Manager, Environmental Health Professionals Ltd., to Colin Wildgrube regarding the Holy Cross Hospital laboratory report review
Sessional Paper 654/2003

E-mail message dated June 12, 2003, from Professor Tang G. Lee, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, to Bob Smith, Government of Alberta, indicating that a written record of discussions during the examination of the Holy Cross Hospital and the keys to the location of mold samples were being provided to Mr. Smith
Sessional Paper 655/2003

Letter dated August 5, 2003, from John Ennis, Director, Policy and Consultation, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, concerning a request by Dr. Taft dated May 13, 2003, for information regarding the Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 656/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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

Amendment to Bill 43 (Hon. Minister of Learning) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 657/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Dr. Oberg during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 43

Proposed Tuition Fee Regulations

Sessional Paper 658/2003

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

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

Amendment to Bill 45 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 659/2003

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the outstanding work of the organizing committee of the Heritage Classic hockey game to be held at Commonwealth Stadium on November 22, 2003.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding crystal methamphetamine and the work of the Solicitor General and the Battle River Drug Response Task Force to promote issues surrounding this drug.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal Opposition's health care policy.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal Opposition's automobile insurance reform plan.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Hutton, Chair, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund dated September 2003

Sessional Paper 660/2003

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, November 24, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ15.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Seniors Advisory Council of Alberta, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 661/2003

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 20, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Patrick LaForge, President and Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Oiler Hockey Club, congratulating the entire Edmonton Oiler Hockey Club on creating the Heritage Classic hockey experience

Sessional Paper 662/2003

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on May 6, 2003, Department of Energy, 2003-2004 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 663/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated November 20, 2003, from Erica Bullwinkle of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding additional funding for schools in Alberta

Sessional Paper 664/2003

Letter dated September 19, 2003, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, and advising Dr. Oberg of a motion recently passed by Edmonton City Council concerning Bill 43

Sessional Paper 665/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 recent letters from Grande Prairie and area residents to Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 666/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Emergent Resolution ER01-03 dated Fall 2003, passed by Parkland County, requesting the Government abandon and reverse the process of deregulation of utilities

Sessional Paper 667/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

7 recent letters from Bonnyville and Cold Lake residents to Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 668/2003

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, undated, from Mary Dunnigan of Edmonton to Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the Alberta Commission on Learning Report

Sessional Paper 669/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Colleen Sharpe of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding her \$30,000 student loan

Sessional Paper 670/2003

4 letters, 1 dated November 8, 2003, from Don Stuike, 3 undated, from Jordan and Justin Lachance and Lyndsie Plowman, Laura Winton, and Michelle Kelly to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 671/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of a presentation dated October 15, 2003, entitled "Auto Insurance Review" prepared by Alberta Finance

Sessional Paper 672/2003

4 recent letters from Olds, Didsbury, and Carstairs residents to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 673/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Background document, undated, entitled "A Liberal Vision for the Health of Albertans" with attached report, undated, entitled "Alberta Liberal Plan for Health Care," both prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 674/2003

13 recent letters and 1 e-mail message dated November 4, 2003, from Albertans to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the nursing shortage and the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 675/2003

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Brochure dated Fall 2003, entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 25th Legislature, 3rd Session" prepared by Visitor, Ceremonial and Security Services, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 676/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 24 to November 27, 2003:

Monday, November 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 47, 51
		Third Reading
		Bill 6, 36, 37
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 43, 47, 51
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 44, 50, 51, 53
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 43, 44, 45
		Second Reading
		Bill 53
		And as per the Order Paper

- Wednesday, November 26 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Supplementary Supply Messages
Government Motions
Supplementary Supply Motions
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 48, 53
Committee of the Whole
Bill 38
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bill 49, 53
Committee of Supply
Supplementary Supply
(Day 1 of 1)
Revert to Introduction of Bills
Appropriation (Supplementary
Supply)
Second Reading
Bill 53
Committee of the Whole
Bill 38, 53
And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 27 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bill 46, 52, Appropriation
(Supplementary Supply)

Third Reading

Bill 36, 37

**Second Reading/Committee of
the Whole**

Bill 53

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions**

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly show its support to the Province of British Columbia in their efforts to bring awareness to all Canadians of the benefits of the 2010 Vancouver/Whistler Olympic Games to our athletes and young aspiring athletes, as well as the benefits to maximize tourism and economic benefits relating to these Games.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 38

Ady	Hlady	McClellan
Amery	Horner	McFarland
Boutilier	Hutton	Nelson
Cao	Jacobs	Oberg
Cardinal	Knight	Pham
Coutts	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Lord	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Fritz	Lund	VanderBurg
Gordon	Magnus	Woloshyn
Graham	Mar	Yankowsky
Griffiths	Marz	Zwozdesky
Haley	Maskell	

Against the motion: 4

Carlson	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. VanderBurg

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 36

Ady	Haley	Mar
Amery	Hancock	Marz
Calahasen	Hlady	Maskell
Cao	Horner	McClellan
Cardinal	Hutton	Nelson
Carlson	Jacobs	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Smith
Dunford	Kryczka	Stevens
Fritz	Lougheed	Taft
Gordon	Lund	Woloshyn
Graham	MacDonald	Yankowsky
Griffiths	Magnus	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 1

Mason

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Monday, November 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the Molson Canadian Heritage Classic held on November 22, 2003 in Edmonton, bringing together Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens alumni followed by the current Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens in the first outdoor National Hockey League game.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Mary Gervais, recipient of the Editor's Choice Award for poetry sponsored by the International Library of Poetry for her poem "River Bank Memories"

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Jeth Weinrich and Braun Farnon, owners of Red Motel Pictures, a Calgary video production company, on their international success as commercial and movie producers

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Pam Irving of Millarville Community School, recipient of the Governor General's Award of Excellence for her work in teaching Canadian history to elementary students

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Bernadette Vermaas, recipient of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission bronze medal, honouring her for rescuing Ljiljana Samuels from being physically assaulted

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Grant Fuhr, recently inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, whose jersey was recently retired by the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, and participant in the Molson Canadian Heritage Classic on November 22, 2003 in Edmonton

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill: Off-duty fire fighters Mike Hazel and Mike Tessier, and City of Edmonton Station 6 fire fighters for their efforts to free Ivan Clancy from his car which was submersed in water during a recent blizzard

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: "Dream Keeper," an aboriginal film shot in Alberta and scheduled to appear on network television

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee - Part Two, dated June 10, 2003, recommending the appointment of G.B. (Gord) Button as Ombudsman

Sessional Paper 677/2003

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 828 Albertans requesting the Government regulate energy corporations in order to lower the prices of natural gas and electricity.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Bill 218 Financial Summit Act — Mr. Cao

Bill 224 Long-Term Care Ombudsperson Act — Ms Carlson

Bill 229 Cost of Living Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Dr. Pannu

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Petition signed by 165 Albertans expressing disagreement with the Government's handling of the long-term care accommodation rate increase

Sessional Paper 678/2003

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 7, 2003, from Sandra R. Lowe, B.Ed., to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, commenting on some of the Commission on Learning's recommendations

Sessional Paper 679/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated July 16, 2003, from Jerry Pitts, Chairman, COSA (Coalition of Seniors Advocates), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's policies surrounding seniors, homeless people, and the disabled population

Sessional Paper 680/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Melanee Thomas, Executive Director, CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students), and Brett Bergie, Provincial Director, ACTISEC (Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, commenting on proposed amendments to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 681/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, undated, from Doreen Purcell of Thorsby to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 682/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 8, 2003, from Sandra Brayer of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 683/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

4 recent letters from registered nurses Denise Joel of Fort Macleod, and Gerry Laing, Tracy Mitchell, and Linda Brown, all of Claresholm, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 684/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail message dated September 25, 2003, from Barry Wiens of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing disagreement with the structure of natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 685/2003

3 recent letters from Karen L. Wolgemuth, Don Cytko, and Sheila Coulser, all of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 686/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

2 recent letters from registered nurses Diana Choma of Edmonton and Anita Ashmore of Thorsby to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 687/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated October 27, 2003, from Gerald Zagrosh, President, Pain Elimination and Tissue Regeneration Clinic, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and attached document guaranteeing the clinic's ability to eliminate hip and knee pain

Sessional Paper 688/2003

E-mail message dated October 9, 2003, from Karen Ferrari to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, reiterating and expanding on comments made by Ms Ferrari during a meeting with Dr. Oberg on October 9, 2003, concerning the Commission on Learning's report

Sessional Paper 689/2003

E-mail message dated May 20, 2003, from Dr. Adrienne Wiebe of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the long-term impact of the Government's policies and programs in the areas of education, health care, and social services

Sessional Paper 690/2003

E-mail message dated May 17, 2003, from Susan Hannon of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding for primary and secondary schools

Sessional Paper 691/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated November 22, 2003, from Kevin Sommer to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, urging the Government to regulate the natural gas and power industries

Sessional Paper 692/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

146 recent letters from Albertans expressing support for the restoration of the Michener Centre Administration Building recently damaged by fire
Sessional Paper 693/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

60 letters from Edmonton residents and 86 letters from Calgary residents to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003
Sessional Paper 694/2003

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

Honourable Members, the Chair is now prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview.

On November 14, 2003, the Chair received written notice from the Member for Edmonton-Riverview of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege. On November 17, 2003, at 11:15 a.m., the Chair received a signed letter from the Member indicating his intention to raise this matter. The letter indicated that it was copied to the Minister of Infrastructure in conformity with Standing Order 15(2) which provides that a Member wishing to raise a question of privilege must "give written notice containing a brief statement of the question to the Speaker, and if practicable, to a person whose conduct may be called into question at least two hours before the opening of the sitting."

Under Standing Order 15(5) a question of privilege may be raised as soon as the words are uttered or the events occur. The Chair assumes that the Member chose to review the Minister's answers and tablings and presumably did not have that opportunity to raise the matter before the end of the sitting on May 15, 2003, which ended at 4:37 p.m. that day. Neither the Member bringing forward the application nor the Minister addressed whether this matter was raised at the earliest possible opportunity which is one of the grounds under Standing Order 15(6) for the Chair to consider in ruling on a purported question of privilege. Given that there seems to be no dispute on the point, the Chair finds that it was brought forward at the earliest opportunity and that the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) were met.

Before reviewing the particulars of this application, the Chair wants to comment on the procedure for raising questions of privilege. As privilege is the most serious issue that can be raised in this Assembly, the Chair was very lenient with the time taken by both these Members. However, the Chair would like to quote from Marleau and Montpetit's book *House of Commons, Procedure and Practice* at page 125:

“A Member recognized on a question of privilege is expected to be brief and concise in explaining the event which has given rise to the question of privilege and the reasons why consideration of the event complained of should be given precedence over other House business. Generally, the Member tries to provide the Chair with relevant references to the Standing orders, precedents and citations from procedural authorities.”

The Speaker’s role is to determine whether there is a prima facie question of privilege. It is up to the Assembly to decide whether there is an actual question of privilege. If the Chair finds there is a prima facie question of privilege then the usual practice is for someone to move that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing that would hear evidence on the matter. When the members of that Committee conclude their work, their report would be submitted to the Assembly and would contain recommendations on what action should be taken. In short, Honourable Members, all the evidence does not have to be presented when the question is first raised in the Assembly.

In this case, there were very few references to precedents or authorities cited by the two main participants. The Chair has ruled three times in approximately the last year and a half on the issue of deliberately misleading the Assembly. The Chair refers to rulings on March 12 and March 20, 2002 found at pages 267 and 465, 466 of Alberta Hansard for those days and February 19, 2003 at pages 18 and 19 of Alberta Hansard. None of these rulings were referred to by either the Member raising the allegation or by the Minister in his response.

The basis of the Member’s purported question of privilege is that the Minister of Infrastructure deliberately misled the Assembly on May 15, 2003 and possibly before, concerning questions about testing for mold at what was formerly the Holy Cross Hospital in the City of Calgary.

In the Member’s November 17 letter, he indicates that in response to his questions surrounding the test results for toxic mold at the Holy Cross Hospital, and I quote, “He [the Minister] indicated that he did not have the tests, the document he tabled proved he did.”

The exchange is recorded at page 1674 of Alberta Hansard for May 15 which the Chair closely reviewed. On that day the Member asked in his main question, what the Minister had “learned about his Department’s testing for toxic mold at the Holy Cross Hospital.” In his response, the Minister made certain allegations against the Member which were the subject of a point of order that day and for which the Minister apologized.

In his first supplementary question, the Member asked the Minister if the Department had “in its possession any lab results that speak of toxic mold at the former Holy Cross Hospital?”

In his response, the Minister quoted from a copy of an e-mail exchange between an official in his Department and Mr. Tang Lee on May 14, 2003. At the request of the Chair, the Minister tabled this e-mail in the House which became Sessional Paper 597/2003. The Minister quoted from part of the e-mail where Mr. Lee said he did not complete the report for the Holy Cross because the decision was made for the Court of Appeal not to move into that building. In the first part the e-mail tabled by the Minister, Mr. Lee indicates that he is enclosing "the report from the microbiological laboratory that was completed on October 24, 2001." The icons at the top of the e-mail indicate two attachments to the e-mail. These attached documents were not tabled on May 15 or in the Minister's tablings on November 19, 2003.

In his final supplementary, the Member asked "Is the Minister saying that his Department has never had possession of positive tests for toxic mold at the Holy Cross hospital? Yes or no?"

The Minister's response was, "Mr. Speaker, once again I will put on the record what has happened. The fact is that when we were looking at locations to house the Court of Appeal, the Court of Appeal asked Mr. Tang Lee to do an air quality test, and clearly, as this shows, the tests were never completed."

As the Chair has indicated in previous rulings, accusing someone of deliberately misleading the Assembly is a very serious allegation that is hardly ever made out. The test is presented well by David McGee in his book *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand* (2nd edition) which was relied on by the House of Commons Committee that investigated the Eggleton affair and recommended that there was no breach of privilege. McGee says at page 491:

"There are two ingredients to be established when it is alleged that a Member is in contempt on this ground: the statement must, in fact, have been misleading; and it must be established that the Member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect and that, in making it, the Member intended to mislead the House."

He goes on to state, "In order to show that a misleading of the House was deliberate, there must be something in the nature of the incorrect statement that indicates an intention to mislead."

In this case, we heard at some length about different interpretations of test results. The Minister believed he never had "final" test results while the Member insists that the Minister should have advised that he had some test results although on May 15, the Member asked in his final supplementary if the Minister had "positive test results." The Minister had some documents as demonstrated by the e-mail exchange between an official in his Department and Mr. Lee as the e-mail shows two attachments which are referred to as "the report from the microbiological laboratory". The Chair notes that it was the Minister himself who tabled this document that seems to be the basis of the allegations by the Member for Edmonton-Riverview. From the Minister's statement on November 19, he did not find the results conclusive.

As it appears that the Chair is being asked to rule on the basis of what is a “test,” what is a “final test,” what is a “positive test” or what is a “final report” the Chair would like to quote from the March 20, 2002 ruling on a similar allegation involving the Solicitor General found at page 465 of Alberta Hansard for that day:

“It would be difficult for the Chair to conclude that a contempt of the House arises every time a Minister misspeaks or misstates departmental policy. Exactness in all answers to questions in Question Period would also require exactness in all questions. This would seem to amount to an impossible standard of perfection that would certainly go beyond the standard expected in any Westminster-style parliament.”

After listening to the Honourable Member and the Minister it was clear to the Chair that the Minister offered responses that the Honourable Member thought did not answer his questions but it seems that there was considerable room for subjective interpretation and ambiguity. Furthermore, as the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford alluded to, these matters are usually a dispute over facts. As Marleau and Montpetit state at page 433:

“In most instances, when a point of order or a question of privilege has been raised in response to an oral question, the Speaker has ruled that the matter is a disagreement among Members over the facts surrounding the issue. As such, these matters are more a question of debate and do not constitute a breach of the rules or of privilege.”

Accordingly, the Chair cannot find that the Minister was trying to deliberately mislead the Assembly. As such, the Chair finds there is no prima facie question of privilege.

Before moving to Orders of the Day, the Chair wants to encourage any Members who bring forward questions of privilege to be succinct in their presentations and be able to advise the House of the authorities they are relying on.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ15. Moved by Dr. Taft on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

Why has the number of pheasants released under a lease agreement between the Brooks Pheasant Hatchery and the Pheasants Unlimited, administered by the Department of Infrastructure, not met the 15,000 pheasant release requirement, what are the terms of the lease agreement, and what happens when the lease expires?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

Amery	Herard	Melchin
Bonner	Horner	O'Neill
Broda	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cao	Jonson	Pham
Cenaiko	Klapstein	Renner
Coutts	Kryczka	Shariff
Danyluk	Lord	Smith
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Forsyth	MacDonald	Strang
Friedel	Mar	Taft
Fritz	Marz	Tannas
Goudreau	Maskell	Tarchuk
Graham	Mason	VanderBurg
Graydon	Masyk	Vandermeer
Haley	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 0

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Danyluk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly institute an all-party Former Members' Association of the Legislative Assembly to focus on the interests of the membership and the good of parliamentary precinct, history, and process.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

512. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike an all-party committee to study the rising premium rates for automobile insurance, insurance companies hand-picking clients, and increasing insurance claims in the Province.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 47 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 30

Cao	Jonson	Renner
Cardinal	Kryczka	Smith
Coutts	Lord	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Ducharme	Maskell	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Tarchuk
Fritz	McFarland	VanderBurg
Graham	Melchin	Vandermeer
Graydon	Ouellette	Yankowsky
Jacobs	Pham	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Pannu	Taft
MacDonald		

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 47 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the importance of the Chinchaga Wildland Provincial Park.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Tom Couture of Calgary who recently completed a cross-Canada cycling expedition along the Trans Canada Trail gathering valuable mapping information to be used on the Trans Canada Trail web site.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the importance of rebuilding and restoring the Michener Centre Administration Building.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding issues relating to drug addiction.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 1,264 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation establishing a residents' bill of rights for persons living in nursing homes.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 196 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

105 postcards signed by Albertans to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting support for school library and literacy programs

Sessional Paper 695/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Philip G. Ponting, Q.C., Chairman, Board of Governors, Banff Centre, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 696/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from W.A. Shaw, Ph.D., President, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 697/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from William H. Cade, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Lethbridge, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 698/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Harvey P. Weingarten, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Calgary, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 699/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Roderick D. Fraser, Ph.D., President, University of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 700/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Pam MacGillivray, Chair, Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 701/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from D'Arcy L. Levesque, Chair, Board of Governors, Alberta College of Art and Design, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 702/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Irene Lewis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 703/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dr. Wayne Shillington, President, NorQuest College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 704/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dr. Mark Lee, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lakeland College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 705/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Terry N. Brekko, Chair, Board of Governors, Medicine Hat College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 706/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Donna J. Allan, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Lethbridge Community College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 707/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Frank Lovsin, Board Chair, Fairview College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 708/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Sharon Carry, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bow Valley College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 709/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from James S. Henderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Grande Prairie Regional College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 710/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dave Marshall, Ph.D., President, Mount Royal College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 711/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dan Vandermeulen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northern Lakes College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 712/2003

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Thirtieth Annual Report, 2003 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 713/2003

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated October 23, 2003, from Donna Shannon of Edmonton to Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing concern and offering recommendations regarding the Commission on Learning's report released on October 7, 2003

Sessional Paper 714/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 12, 2003, from Martin J. Linvolve, Senior Sales Manager, Shaw Conference Centre, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that the Commission on Learning's recommendation eliminating all teachers' conventions will have a serious economic impact on the Shaw Conference Centre and hotels in downtown Edmonton

Sessional Paper 715/2003

6 recent letters from Duncan Taylor, Samantha Power, Amy Binder, Chris Wudarck, Morgan Smith, and Laurie Savard to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 716/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated October 8, 2003, from Sandi Johnson, R.N., B.N., of Calgary to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 717/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

2 letters, the first undated, from Nicole Barnes, R.N., the second dated October 8, 2003, from Cheryl Androschuk, R.N., both of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 718/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 letters, both undated, from Beryl Linda Scott, R.N., S.C.M., of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and from Cynthia Perkins of Calgary to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 719/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Jennifer Pelley, Chair, Alberta Graduate Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, commenting on several sections of the proposed amendments to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 720/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated November 20, 2003, from Jerry Pitts, President, Coalition of Senior's Advocates Association (COASA), to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the loss of several seniors' benefits with 2 attached documents, undated, entitled "Alberta Seniors Economically Brutalized" and "Inadequate Dental Coverage for Seniors"

Sessional Paper 721/2003

News release dated August 22, 2003, entitled "Market adjustment program supports Alberta's cattle industry" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 722/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated August 30, 2003, from Kevin Bilmore of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requesting the Bighorn Wilderness Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 723/2003

Letter dated June 25, 2003, from George Christenson of Sedgewick to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing opposition to the 40% increase in seniors' long-term care housing costs

Sessional Paper 724/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill fails to address overpayment of automobile insurance premiums by Albertans over the past year.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Massey
MacDonald		

Against the amendment: 37

Cao	Hancock	McFarland
Cardinal	Horner	Nelson
Cenaiko	Jablonski	O'Neill
Coutts	Jacobs	Ouellette
Danyluk	Jonson	Renner
DeLong	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lougheed	Stelmach
Evans	Lukaszuk	Strang
Forsyth	Lund	Tannas
Friedel	Magnus	Tarchuk
Gordon	Marz	VanderBurg
Griffiths	McClelland	Vandermeer
Haley		

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), debate adjourned on the main motion.

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

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts
 Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang
 Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
 Mr. VanderBurg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:36 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2.1) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Debate followed on the subamendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, that the proposed amendment to the Bill (Section L), introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, be amended by striking out Section L and substituting the following:

62(1) Tuition fees at public post-secondary institutions shall not be increased beyond 2003-2004 levels until

- (a) the Minister establishes an independent panel to conduct a comprehensive review of Alberta's post-secondary institutions, and
- (b) the panel's report and recommendations are forwarded to the Minister who shall immediately furnish copies of it to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and in so doing the report shall be made public.

(2) Upon completion of the report prepared under subsection (1), and subject to subsection (2), tuition fees must be set in accordance with the regulations.

(3) Tuition fees at a public post-secondary institution shall not exceed 30% of that institution's net operating expenditures.

(4) This section does not apply in respect of students in apprenticeship programs under the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 5

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson	Nicol	

Against the subamendment: 34

Cao	Horner	Nelson
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberg
Cenaiko	Jonson	Ouellette
Danyluk	Kryczka	Rathgeber
DeLong	Lord	Renner
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Evans	Lund	Stelmach
Forsyth	Marz	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Tarchuk
Griffiths	McClelland	VanderBurg
Hancock	McFarland	Vandermeer
Herard		

Debate followed on the subamendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, that the proposed amendment to the Bill (Section L), introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, be amended by striking out Section L and substituting the following:

L Section 62 is struck out and the following is substituted:

62(1) Subject to subsection (2), the board of a public post-secondary institution other than the Banff Centre shall set the tuition fees of the public post-secondary institution in accordance with the regulations.

(2) The board shall not set tuition fees in excess of 2003-2004 levels.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Against the subamendment: 34

Abbott	Horner	Nelson
Cao	Jablonski	Oberg
Cardinal	Kryczka	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Lord	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Renner
DeLong	Lund	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Magnus	Stelmach
Evans	Marz	Strang
Forsyth	Masyk	Tarchuk
Friedel	McClelland	VanderBurg
Griffiths	McFarland	Vandermeer
Hancock		

Debate followed on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, that the Bill (Section L) be amended as follows:

Section 62 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Tuition fees

62(1) The board of a public post-secondary institution shall set the tuition fees to be paid by students of the public post-secondary institution.

(2) The tuition fees under subsection (1) for all public post-secondary institutions other than Banff Centre

- (a) must be set in accordance with the regulations, and
- (b) must not increase except in accordance with the following principles:

- (i) where a public post-secondary institution's revenue from tuition fees in a fiscal year is equal to or less than 30% of its net operating expenditures in that fiscal year, the maximum allowable annual increase in tuition fees for that post-secondary institution in the following year must be set in accordance with the regulations;
- (ii) where a public post-secondary institution's revenue from tuition fees in a fiscal year exceeds 30% of its net operating expenditures in that fiscal year, the maximum allowable annual increase in tuition fees for that post-secondary institution in the following year is the Alberta Consumer Price Index plus 2%, which must not result in a decrease or be greater than 5%.

(3) This section does not apply in respect of students in apprenticeship programs under the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

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

For the amendment: 35

Abbott	Herard	McFarland
Cao	Horner	Nelson
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberg
Cenaiko	Jonson	Ouellette
Danyluk	Kryczka	Renner
DeLong	Lord	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Evans	Lund	Strang
Forsyth	Magnus	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Masyk	Vandermeer
Hancock	McClelland	

Against the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Debate followed on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, that the Bill (Section Q) be amended as follows:

Section 78(1)(a) is amended by striking out "and other information required under the regulations".

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

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Herard	McFarland
Cao	Horner	Nelson
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Oberg
Danyluk	Jonson	Ouellette
DeLong	Kryczka	Renner
Ducharme	Lord	Snelgrove
Evans	Lund	Stelmach
Forsyth	Magnus	Strang
Friedel	Marz	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Masyk	Vandermeer
Hancock	McClelland	

Against the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Debate followed on the subamendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, that the proposed amendment to the Bill (Section Z), introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, be amended in Section Z by striking out section 97 and substituting the following:

97 Each student organization of a public post-secondary institution shall make publicly available audited financial statements when a simple majority of students who are members of the student organization have indicated in a plebiscite that the organization should prepare an audited financial statement.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

Against the subamendment: 33

Abbott	Horner	McFarland
Cao	Jablonski	Nelson
Cardinal	Jonson	Oberg
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Ouellette
Danyluk	Lord	Rathgeber
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Renner
Ducharme	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stelmach
Friedel	Marz	Strang
Griffiths	Masyk	VanderBurg
Hancock	McClelland	Vandermeer

Debate followed on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003, that the Bill (Section Z) be amended as follows:

Section 97 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Audit of student organizations

97(1) Each student organization of a public post-secondary institution shall provide audited financial statements annually to the board of the public post-secondary institution and shall make the audited financial statements available to students of the public post-secondary institution on request.

(2) Where an investigator appointed under section 99 finds irregularities in the management of the financial affairs of a student organization, the Minister may

- (a) suspend or terminate the term of office of one or more members of the council of the student organization,
- (b) appoint an administrator to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the council until a new council is elected, and
- (c) take any other action that the Minister considers appropriate to remedy the irregularity.

(3) An administrator appointed under subsection (2)(b) shall be paid the remuneration and expenses determined by the Minister out of the funds of the student organization.

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

For the amendment: 33

Abbott	Horner	McFarland
Cao	Jablonski	Nelson
Cardinal	Jonson	Oberg
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Ouellette
Danyluk	Lord	Rathgeber
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Renner
Ducharme	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stelmach
Friedel	Marz	Strang
Griffiths	Masyk	VanderBurg
Hancock	McClelland	Vandermeer

Against the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

The question was put that Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Abbott	Horner	McFarland
Cao	Jablonski	Nelson
Cardinal	Jonson	Oberg
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Ouellette
Danyluk	Lord	Rathgeber
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Renner
Ducharme	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stelmach
Friedel	Marz	Strang
Griffiths	Masyk	VanderBurg
Hancock	McClelland	Vandermeer

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
Carlson		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Minister of Government Services) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 725/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Sections A to K, M to P, R, T, V to Y, AA to HH, JJ to PP) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 726/2003

Subamendment to Bill 43 (Section L) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 727/2003

Subamendment to Bill 43 (Section L) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 728/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section L) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 729/2003

Subamendment to Bill 43 (Section Q) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 730/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section Q) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 731/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section S) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 732/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section U) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 733/2003

Subamendment to Bill 43 (Section Z) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 734/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section Z) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 735/2003

Amendment to Bill 43 (Section II) (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 736/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:40 p.m. until Wednesday, November 26, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 16th anniversary of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, elected on November 23, 1987.

Recognitions

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Albert White Sox on winning the 60-plus National Slow-pitch Championship on August 4, 2003

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert high school students' success at winning Alberta Heritage Trust Fund scholarships and obtaining post-secondary education

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta's global health initiatives raising awareness of global health disparities

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Town of Millet on winning the Communities in Bloom Alberta Tourism Award on November 3, 2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Several residents of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency for their success at the recent Canadian Finals Rodeo

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Bernie Zolner, co-producer of the musical events surrounding the Molson Canadian Heritage Classic held in Edmonton on November 22, 2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: United Nurses of Alberta

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 470 Albertans requesting the Government immediately extend the pavement on the north portion of Highway 867 to Highway 55.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 178 Albertans requesting legislation enabling grandparents to maintain ongoing contact with their grandchildren.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 16 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 9 Albertans urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 563 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager's Report, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 737/2003

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 738/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Government of Alberta, 2002-03 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 739/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 740/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 741/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 742/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, 2002-2003 Annual Report, Section 1
Sessional Paper 743/2003

Alberta Children's Services, 2002-2003 Annual Report, Section 2
Sessional Paper 744/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 745/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Economic Development, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 746/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 747/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 748/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 749/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Finance, 2002-03 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 750/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Gaming, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 751/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 752/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2002/2003, Section I
Sessional Paper 753/2003

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2002/2003, Section II
Sessional Paper 754/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 755/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 756/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14; the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22; and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2002-2003, including the Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Foundation for Health Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research
Sessional Paper 757/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, 30th Annual Report for the year April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 758/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2002/03

Sessional Paper 759/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2002/2003

Sessional Paper 760/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 761/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Revenue, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 762/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Seniors, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 763/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Solicitor General, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 764/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, 2002-2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 765/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Transportation, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 766/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Alberta 2003 Budget, First Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 767/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget, First Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 768/2003

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 769/2003

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 770/2003

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dominique Abrioux, Ph.D, President, Athabasca University, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 771/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from H.J. (Tom) Thompson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Olds College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 772/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Jim Foote, President, Keyano College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 773/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Ron Woodward, President, Red Deer College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 774/2003

Letter dated November 26, 2003, from Bill Persley, President, Portage College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 775/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Jennifer Pelley, Chair, Alberta Graduate Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, subject to its proposed amendments being agreed to by the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 776/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Melanee Thomas, Executive Director, CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students), and Brett Bergie, Provincial Director, ACTISEC (Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, commenting on proposed amendments to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 777/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated September 30, 2003, entitled "Bill 45, Family Law Act, 2003, Grandchild/Grandparent Access" presented by Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association to the Alberta Justice Family Law Reform Project

Sessional Paper 778/2003

5 reports discussing the importance of promoting relationships between grandparents and grandchildren

Sessional Paper 779/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Funding Hospital Infrastructure: Why P3s Don't Work, and What Will" prepared by Lewis Auerbach, Arthur Donner, Douglas D. Peters, Monica Townson, and Armine Yalnizyan

Sessional Paper 780/2003

Information sheet, undated, regarding the Centre for Global Health and Development, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 781/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 26, 2003, from Claude Gould of Stony Plain to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding high automobile insurance premiums and suggesting the Government become an automobile insurance provider

Sessional Paper 782/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 625 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 783/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

8 recent letters from registered nurses in Alberta to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 784/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

7 recent letters from registered nurses in Alberta to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 785/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 26, 2003, from Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003, be given early consideration at Third Reading in the event the Bill is reported from Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 786/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Office of the Ombudsman, 36th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 787/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 788/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Alberta 2003 Budget, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 789/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget, Second Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 790/2003

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2003-04 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 791/2003

Government Motions

25. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, moved that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Orders 47(1) and (2).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Debate adjourned on the motion for the previous question.

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

Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research
Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson 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, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$574,000 Operating Expense

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$2,000,000 Operating Expense

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$728,821,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Children's Services

\$864,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Community Development

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Economic Development

\$3,500,000 Operating Expense

Finance

\$1,750,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Government Services

\$600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Human Resources and Employment

\$32,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$210,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$8,040,000 Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$1,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$79,470,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Municipal Affairs

\$11,546,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$36,970,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Solicitor General

\$3,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$113,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$13,000,000 Capital Investment

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

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

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

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

For the motion: 31

Abbott	Dunford	Knight
Ady	Gordon	Lougheed
Amery	Goudreau	Lund
Broda	Graydon	McClellan
Calahasen	Griffiths	McClelland
Cao	Hancock	Oberg
Cenaiko	Hlady	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Stelmach
DeLong	Jacobs	Taylor
Doerksen	Johnson	VanderBurg
Ducharme		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner		

During Second reading consideration of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Abbott	Dunford	Lougheed
Ady	Gordon	Lund
Amery	Goudreau	McClellan
Broda	Graydon	McClelland
Calahasen	Griffiths	Melchin
Cao	Hancock	Oberg
Cenaiko	Hlady	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Stelmach
DeLong	Jacobs	Taylor
Doerksen	Johnson	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Knight	

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner		

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

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Thursday, November 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

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 former Member Mr. John McInnis, Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, 1989 to 1993, who passed away on November 26, 2003.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, made a statement regarding the Government's Water for Life Strategy.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Natural Luge Track World Championship races to be held January 2-4, 2004 at the Smoky River Hill in Debolt.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Bonnyville White Ribbon Campaign, November 25 to December 26, 2003, raising awareness of men's violence against women.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the report from Alberta's Commission on Learning and the need to provide an improved school funding formula.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding Government changes to seniors programs and their effect on Alberta seniors.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 570 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 441 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 353 Calgary residents regarding increasing the per pupil grant to maintain public education with public funds.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 432 Albertans regarding reductions in teaching staff, large class sizes, and the elimination of programs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 340 Albertans requesting the Government consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, December 1, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 792/2003

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 793/2003

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 794/2003

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization Limited, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 795/2003

Authorized Accredited Agencies Annual Report Activity Summary, Reporting Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 796/2003

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Information booklet dated 2002-2003 with attached 2004 calendar, both prepared by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
Sessional Paper 797/2003

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Water for Life, Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability" with attached pamphlet entitled "Water for Life," both prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 798/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 27, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, requesting Dr. Taylor consider the implications of the pre-feasibility study regarding the proposed Milk River dam, with attached 93 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the proposed Milk River dam

Sessional Paper 799/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated November 6, 2003, from Laurie Reid, R.N., B.Sc.N., to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 800/2003

4 recent letters from registered nurses in Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 801/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

2 charts, undated, the first entitled "Edson Residential EPCOR Rates" and the second entitled "Edson Residential ATCO Gas Rate"

Sessional Paper 802/2003

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Pamela Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to utility deregulation with 2 attached Edmonton Journal articles, undated, entitled "Natural gas prices could fall - Smith" and "Gas prices have shot up because of supply, demand and politics"

Sessional Paper 803/2003

3 recent letters from L. Watt of Claresholm, Alan Besecker, R.N. and Mary Gordon, R.N., B.Sc.N., of Edmonton, and Tim Graham, R.N., of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 804/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated September 5, 2003, entitled "Background Brief in Support of Letter of Request for Audit of Long Term Care Facilities in Alberta" prepared by Bev McKay of Cochrane on behalf of 12 concerned citizens, submitted to the Auditor General of Alberta

Sessional Paper 805/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated October 22, 2003, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting the establishment of a tribunal to examine long-standing Workers' Compensation claims, in particular, the case of Kenneth Dombrosky, with several attached background documents relating to Mr. Dombrosky's claim

Sessional Paper 806/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 recent letters from registered nurses in Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 807/2003

E-mail message dated July 28, 2003, from Tim Peterson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding increases in auto insurance rates

Sessional Paper 808/2003

E-mail message dated July 10, 2003, from Janice MacNeill of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the high cost of her son's auto insurance and the regulations relating to auto insurance

Sessional Paper 809/2003

Text of an e-mail message dated October 16, 2003, from Kristian Vacing of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed \$4,000 cap on soft tissue injuries

Sessional Paper 810/2003

Letter dated June 15, 2003, from Bennett Moore of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding an increase in the number of people driving without insurance and suggesting the Government adopt the system used in Queensland, Australia

Sessional Paper 811/2003

E-mail message dated October 16, 2003, from Jeff Fixsen of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed cap on soft tissue injuries

Sessional Paper 812/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 recent letters from Ross and Yelena Pambrun, Donna Maxwell, R.N., and Angela Krizan, B.N., R.N., all of Calgary, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 813/2003

Letter dated October 8, 2003, from Susan Kean, B.N., R.N., of Fort McMurray to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 814/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Copy of a petition signed by 45 Hastings Lake and area residents requesting that gas wells in the area be tested before and after drilling to ensure the quality and quantity of potable water

Sessional Paper 815/2003

Document dated November 21, 2003, listing background information regarding a court case between the Workers' Compensation Board and Randy Wolfert versus Thomas Shuchuk

Sessional Paper 816/2003

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 817/2003

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 818/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, Annual Report 2002

Sessional Paper 819/2003

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 820/2003

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 821/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-8, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 822/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 823/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Social Work Profession Act, cS-13, s5(4):

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 824/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report
2002-2003
Sessional Paper 825/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-36, s7(2):

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 826/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Memorandum dated July 22, 2003, from Norman C. Peterson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, regarding an Edmonton Northlands violation
Sessional Paper 827/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 828/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2002 Annual Review
Sessional Paper 829/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Taft, Acting 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. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of December 1 to December 4, 2003:

Monday, December 1	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 27, 28 Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 44, 50, 51, 54 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, December 2	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 54 Committee of the Whole Bill 53 Second Reading Bill 46, 52 Third Reading Bill 45, 47, 49, 53 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 53 Third Reading Bill 45, 47, 49, 53, 54 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, December 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 46, 52

Third Reading

Bill 43, 44

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bill 38, 46, 48, 52

Third Reading

Bill 38, 44, 46, 48, 52

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, December 4 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole /
Third Reading**

Bill 53

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. Nelson

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Hon. Mr. Mar 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, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 45 (Sections C-F, H, I, K-DD, FF-MMM) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 830/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section B) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 831/2003

Subamendment to Bill 45 (Section G) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 832/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section G) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 833/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section J) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 834/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section EE) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 835/2003

Subamendment to Bill 45 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 836/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section A) (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 19, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 837/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 838/2003

Second Reading

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

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until Monday, December 1, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 1, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

Members are aware of the difficulties experienced with the Chamber sound system on Thursday afternoon which resulted in no sound being available to our TV broadcast on Access TV, to our Internet video and audio services nor to the loudspeaker system throughout the Legislature Building and Annex.

In light of the uncertainty as to the ability to repair the sound system before the start of House business today, Alberta Infrastructure has worked diligently with Assembly staff over the past three days to implement a backup sound system for the balance of the Fall sitting. Members will note the microphones on each desk and the speakers at the corners of the Chamber.

I can advise that the existing sound system has been repaired and we begin operations today using that system with the capability to switch to the backup system if necessary. This would require a five minute recess and would only be declared if necessary.

I want to thank the staff of Hansard who had the onerous task of producing the Hansard issue on your desk today using the sound recording from the ambient microphones in the Chamber. I also want to thank the Minister and staff of Alberta Infrastructure who spent the weekend working on this solution.

Recognitions

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake: Duane Daines, an Alberta cowboy who was paralyzed in 1995, recipient of the Outstanding Ambassador Red Carpet Award by the Canadian Paraplegic Association and 2003 inductee into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Glen Huser, recipient of the 2003 Governor General's Literary Award in children's literature for his novel entitled "Stitches"

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Day, December 1, 2003

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Red Hetchler, Edmonton minor hockey volunteer for 40 years

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: City of Calgary on being the only city in the world to be certified with the environmental management standard ISO 14000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Coalition of the Council of Alberta University Students and the Alberta College and Technical Institute Students' Executive Council for their lobbying efforts to improve Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Kelsey Armstrong of Calgary, recipient of a Rutherford Scholar Award given to the top ten Alexander Rutherford scholarship recipients in Alberta

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 57 Edmonton residents requesting the Government reinstate paying for repairs to privately owned equipment such as scooters and power wheelchairs.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 325 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 55 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Marz

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 55 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Marz

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 27, 2003, from Lawrence Cowan, General Manager, Bar C Ranch Resort, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a logging project planned for an area near the Bar C Ranch Resort, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 839/2003

7 e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and Ray Andrews, Operations Manager, Kananaskis Country, Alberta Community Development, expressing concern regarding proposed development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 840/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

6 recent letters from registered nurses in Calgary and Edmonton to Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 841/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

E-mail message dated November 21, 2003, from Roberta Allen, Kevyn Cormac, Erin Mackenzie-Wahlberg, Leah Henderson, and Kristin Tinge to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, concerning a request by Legislature Security on the evening of November 21, 2003 to leave the Legislature grounds while performing a sacred pagan ceremony

Sessional Paper 842/2003

Letter dated October 16, 2003, from registered nurse Gail Peterson of Wainwright to Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright, expressing concern regarding the health care system, the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 843/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

4 recent letters from registered nurses Lori Deverdenne, Alan Besecker, Linda Brockman, and Dianne Vinet, all of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 844/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 recent letters from registered nurses Barb Heinz and Lisa Hein, both of Grande Prairie, to Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, and 1 recent letter from registered nurse Tanice Olson of Calgary to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 845/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

The Ibogaine Dossier web page containing an index regarding 18-Methoxycoronaridine - Synthetic iboga alkaloid congener

Sessional Paper 846/2003

The Ibogaine Dossier web page containing an index regarding ibogaine research

Sessional Paper 847/2003

The Ibogaine Dossier web page containing a document, undated, entitled "The Ibogaine Bibliography"

Sessional Paper 848/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter, undated, from Pauline Knittle of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding recent policy decisions made by the Government surrounding seniors' benefits

Sessional Paper 849/2003

Letter dated November 12, 2003, from Catherine Ripley, Whitemud Coalition of Schools, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, summarizing the Coalition's response to the Commission on Learning's report, with attached report dated November 2003, entitled "A Quest for Quality Education - Go for it! Endorsing the Learning Commission Report and Moving Forward" prepared by the Whitemud Coalition of Schools

Sessional Paper 850/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter to the Editor dated November 18, 2003, from Art Macklin, CWB (Canadian Wheat Board) Director for District 1, encouraging the Government to develop a positive proposal on grain marketing for the Canadian Wheat Board

Sessional Paper 851/2003

E-mail message dated November 25, 2003, from Clarence Huibers of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding electricity deregulation and the rising cost of utilities as they affect seniors with limited incomes

Sessional Paper 852/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

Speaker's Statement - Private Members' Business

Honourable Members, before proceeding to consideration of Private Members' business, the Chair would like to advise Members as to the order of Bills for this afternoon.

The Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul had requested early consideration of Bill 208 in Committee of the Whole in a memorandum to the Speaker tabled in the Assembly November 19, 2003. On Wednesday, November 26, 2003 the Chair tabled another memorandum from the same Member requesting that Bill 208 be given early consideration at Third Reading stage if it passes Committee of the Whole.

The practice that has been followed is that a Member may request early consideration of his or her Bill by writing to the Chair so that the letter can be tabled at least one sitting day before the Bill in question is to be considered. The Bill which is the subject of the request will be considered after debate is concluded on the Bill then before the Assembly or the Committee assuming that no other Bills have reached their due dates under Standing Order 8(5).

This was the practice that the Chair outlined on November 27, 2001 at pages 1284-1285 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

In this case, there are no other Bills that must come up for consideration, however, the Member sponsoring Bill 209 is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to debate the principles of the Bill at Second Reading.

The Chair would like to indicate that the only direction is found in Standing Order 9(1) which says that Private Members' Public Bills should be taken up in order of precedence.

In order to maintain some certainty, the Chair finds that Bill 208 will proceed to Committee, and if passed, then proceed to Third Reading today.

In an effort to ensure that the system is fair and equitable to all Members, the Chair would welcome suggestions by Members and their House Leaders over the winter on this issue of early consideration of Private Members' Public Bills so that a policy could be put in place for the Spring 2004 Session, one that would be very clear at the initiation of the Session.

The Chair's view is that a Member should not be able to request early consideration of his or her Bill at the next stage until it has passed the previous stage. If that was the rule, then the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul would not have been able to request early consideration at Committee of the Whole until his Bill had passed Second Reading.

In closing, the Chair wants to note that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta has, since 1993, been a leader among Legislatures in allowing for consideration of Private Members' business. The Chair recognizes that improvements can always be made and looks forward to receiving suggestions about changes to the procedure.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

During consideration of Bill 208, Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003, Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to extend his speaking time.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Danyluk

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Danyluk

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 209 School (Fees Elimination) Amendment Act, 2003 — Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. Mason

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike an all-party committee to study the rising premium rates for automobile insurance, insurance companies hand-picking clients, and increasing insurance claims in the Province.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

Against the motion: 36

Abbott	Herard	Melchin
Ady	Horner	O'Neill
Amery	Hutton	Ouellette
Broda	Johnson	Snelgrove
Cao	Jonson	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Klapstein	Stevens
DeLong	Lord	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Evans	Lukaszuk	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	VanderBurg
Friedel	Masyk	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClelland	Zwozdesky

513. Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement market basket measures to determine social assistance rates as well as levels of financial assistance for Albertans who are in need.

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

Government Motions

27. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly confirm the appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of Mr. G.B. (Gord) Button as Ombudsman and concur in the Report - Part 2 of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the Third Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date 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

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 10:45 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 44 (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Government Services on November 25, 2003) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 853/2003

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 854/2003

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 855/2003

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. VanderBurg

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 51 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 856/2003

Amendment to Bill 51 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 857/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:35 p.m. until Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the 2001 Southern Alberta Water Sharing Group, recipient of the National Water and Energy Conservation Award, presented by the Irrigation Association.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the success of the education system in Alberta, recently highlighted in a book entitled "Making Schools Work" and the interest shown in Alberta's education system by Dick Riordan, Secretary for Education, California.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Government funding cuts to numerous seniors' programs.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding a visit from a Japanese delegation to learn about Alberta's services and support for adults with developmental disabilities.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,267 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 694 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 56 Alberta Court of Justice Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2)— Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Compliance Assessment and Enforcement Initiatives, Annual Report, April 1,
2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 858/2003

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2001

Sessional Paper 859/2003

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 860/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the
Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5)(6):

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 861/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, 2002-2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 862/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the
Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4:

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, Annual Report 2002-03

Sessional Paper 863/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the
Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta
(APEGGA), Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 864/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 865/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

4 InnoVisions Canada web page articles and studies relating to jobs and telework
Sessional Paper 866/2003

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter, undated, from T. Gerling of Edmonton to Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing several concerns and making recommendations regarding the final report of the Commission on Learning
Sessional Paper 867/2003

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,102 Albertans requesting Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act be amended to include a tuition fee policy and urging the Government to regulate tuition levels in a manner consistent with the principles of affordability and accessibility

Sessional Paper 868/2003

18 recent letters from grade six students at Wilson Middle School in Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding large class sizes and text book shortages

Sessional Paper 869/2003

Letter, undated, from Judy Nygaard, R.N., of Medicine Hat to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 870/2003

Program from the Korean Veterans Association of Canada, Lethbridge Chinook Unit #53 and the Korean Community of Lethbridge, Cease Fire Korea, 50th Anniversary, held on October 25, 2003

Sessional Paper 871/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta motion 01-11-28-03 opposing and rejecting Bill C-49

Sessional Paper 872/2003

E-mail message dated November 20, 2003, from Peter and Barbara Sherrington to Toby Lobreau, Liberal Caucus Researcher, expressing opposition to further development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 873/2003

E-mail message dated November 5, 2003, from Richard S. Soley of Cochrane to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding clear cut logging in the Ghost Waiparous area

Sessional Paper 874/2003

E-mail message dated November 19, 2003, from Richard S. Soley of Cochrane to Toby Lobreau, Liberal Caucus Researcher, expressing concern that the Ghost Waiparous area has been destroyed by recreational users

Sessional Paper 875/2003

E-mail message dated January 26, 2003, from Robert and Priscilla Janes expressing concern regarding further development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 876/2003

Letter dated May 26, 2003, from the Alberta Fish and Game Association to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concern regarding the possible infection of wildlife with chronic wasting disease and requesting the Government take action to reduce the risk

Sessional Paper 877/2003

E-mail message dated February 14, 2003, from Steve Temchuk of Calgary to Ray Andrews, Operations Manager, Parks and Protected Areas, Alberta Community Development, outlining the benefits of the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and requesting that the area be given provincial park status

Sessional Paper 878/2003

E-mail message dated February 16, 2003, from Doug Engh to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, attaching the text of a letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing opposition to the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 879/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated October 31, 2003, from Beverley L. Carter of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the proposed \$4,000 cap for auto accident victims and an increase in auto insurance rates

Sessional Paper 880/2003

3 recent letters from registered nurses Patricia Fraser, Anne Harris, and Beryl Scott, all of Edmonton, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding a nursing shortage and the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 881/2003

Letter dated November 26, 2003, from Orvis Bambush of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, with three related attachments, expressing opposition to an excessive increase in property rent at the Cooking Lake Airport

Sessional Paper 882/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 10, 2003, from Heidi Lawton of Ponoka to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, with attached Edmonton Journal article dated October 8, 2003, entitled "Nurses' deal a return to the days of slavery" and Ponoka News article dated October 6, 2003, entitled "Jonson draws on experience"

Sessional Paper 883/2003

Letter dated October 8, 2003, from Vivian McCarthy, R.N., of Camrose to Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 884/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 recent letters from registered nurses Leo De Leon and Mecana Tsang, and letter dated October 31, 2003, from Carmen Vervoorst, all of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 885/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 recent letters from registered nurses Elsie Shaw of Lac La Biche, Shelley Dick of Airdrie, and Shirley Larochelle-Revoy of Irricana, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the nursing shortage and the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 886/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated November 6, 2003, from Julia Rowe of Edmonton to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 887/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated October 15, 2003, from Joyce Pickard, Haysboro Seniors Resources Group, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effect the 40% increase in long-term care fees has on seniors

Sessional Paper 888/2003

Letter dated September 9, 2003, from Dr. Brian Staples, Chair, Seniors' Action and Liaison Team, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the rise in costs to seniors and other patients who reside in nursing homes

Sessional Paper 889/2003

2 letters dated October 23 and October 24, 2003, from Brian George Fozzard of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposal to charge low income Albertans a fee to stay in an overnight shelter

Sessional Paper 890/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 55 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Marz

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 17 in the proposed section 661.1 by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) Effective January 1, 2004, premiums of an insured are rolled back 15%.

(1.2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make an order respecting the roll-back mandated under subsection (1.1).

(1.3) Subsections (3) to (7) apply to an order made under subsection (1.2).

A debated followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Taft
Carlson	Pannu	

Against the amendment: 37

Abbott	Hancock	McClelland
Ady	Herard	Melchin
Boutilier	Hlady	Oberg
Broda	Horner	O'Neill
Calahasen	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cenaiko	Jonson	Stelmach
Danyluk	Knight	Strang
DeLong	Lord	Taylor
Doerksen	Lougheed	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Magnus	Woloshyn
Griffiths	Marz	Zwozdesky
Haley		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 891/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
on division
Sessional Paper 892/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 893/2003

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 47 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. Nelson

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2.1) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2.1) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 15:

- a. in the proposed section 656 by adding the following after subsection (2):
 - (2.1) Geographic location must not be a factor in determining premiums for basic coverage.
- b. in the proposed section 660 by adding the following after subsection (2):
 - (2.1) No insurer may use geographic location as a factor in determining premiums for additional coverage.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner	MacDonald	Massey

Against the amendment: 32

Abbott	Dunford	Magnus
Ady	Goudreau	Marz
Amery	Griffiths	McClelland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	Oberg
Calahasen	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Knight	Strang
DeLong	Kryczka	Taylor
Doerksen	Lord	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Lund	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Mr. Snelgrove, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 894/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 895/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 896/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 897/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 898/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 899/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 900/2003

Amendment to Bill 53 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 901/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:37 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3, 2003

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

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, presented the Pages with a Christmas gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Recognitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, December 5, 2003

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: His Worship Wayne Ayling, Mayor of Grande Prairie, recipient of a Dr. Gary MacPherson Award presented by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities on December 3, 2003 in Edmonton

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Michael O'Reilly, President, Thibodeau's Centre for Hearing Health and Communication, recipient of a Dr. Gary MacPherson Award presented by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities on December 3, 2003 in Edmonton

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Steven Kesler, small business owner in the Marda Loop area of Calgary, on his recent retirement

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Clarence Peters, recipient of the Pioneer of Rodeo Award presented by the Calgary Stampede Board

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 59 Albertans requesting the Government establish a provincially subsidized monthly transit pass program for low income Albertans.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 2,319 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 277 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report, 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 902/2003

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Grain Commission, Annual Report to the Minister 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 903/2003

Program from the Alberta Order of Excellence Investiture Ceremony held October 16, 2003 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 904/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 905/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 2001-2003

Sessional Paper 906/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-fourth Annual General Meeting held April 25-26, 2003 in Calgary
Sessional Paper 907/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2003
Sessional Paper 908/2003

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated December 3, 2003, entitled "Albertans Recognize International Day of Disabled Persons" prepared by Alberta Community Development and the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Sessional Paper 909/2003

Program from the International Day of Disabled Persons celebration held December 3, 2003 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 910/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

7 recent letters from Alberta registered nurses to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 911/2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

11 recent letters from Alberta registered nurses to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 912/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated November 12, 2003, from the Riverbend Elementary Parents' Society to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and 132 letters from parents of students at Riverbend Elementary School to Sir/Madam, all expressing concern regarding the negative effect of education funding cutbacks at their school

Sessional Paper 913/2003

Copies of 22 postcards signed by Albertans expressing concern regarding education funding and class size

Sessional Paper 914/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

3 recent letters from registered nurses Pauline Worsfold of Edmonton, and Darlene Gruumann and Linda Slusarenko, both of Sherwood Park, to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 915/2003

5 recent letters from Alberta registered nurses to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Member for Barrhead-Westlock, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta, and in particular the recommendation granting the Provincial Health Authorities the ability to reassign nurses to different facilities

Sessional Paper 916/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

3 letters, the first dated November 25, 2003, from Vic and Marie Newman, The Berry Inn Bed and Breakfast to Michael Bruni, General Counsel, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, the second dated November 23, 2003, from Shirley McFall to Michael Bruni, General Counsel, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, and the third dated November 30, 2003, from Marion McFall to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, disagreeing with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board's decision to allow the drilling of sweet gas wells by Tempest Energy Corporation in the Beaverhill Lake Field

Sessional Paper 917/2003

Letter dated November 11, 2003, from George E. Gardiner, Past President, Central Alberta Council on Aging, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching the results of an August 2003 telephone survey of the Council's members and other seniors living in central Alberta conducted by the Board of Directors, Central Alberta Council on Aging

Sessional Paper 918/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 56 Alberta Court of Justice Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2)—Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2)—Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

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

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

During debate, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, tabled the following:

Report dated September 2003, entitled “Alberta Bill 43: Post-Secondary Learning Act, Analysis” prepared by Satya Brata Das and K.J. (Ken) Chapman, Cambridge Strategies Inc.

Sessional Paper 919/2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, be not now read a Third time because the Legislative Assembly believes that it provides for tuition fees to escalate beyond the means of post-secondary students.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 3

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
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Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Griffiths	Mar
Calahasen	Haley	Marz
Cao	Hancock	Maskell
Coutts	Hlady	McClellan
DeLong	Hutton	Oberg
Doerksen	Jablonski	Pham
Dunford	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Fritz	Klapstein	Tannas
Gordon	Knight	Taylor
Goudreau	Kryczka	Woloshyn
Graham	Magnus	Yankowsky
Graydon		

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), debate adjourned on the main motion.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts
- Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen
- Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. VanderBurg

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lougheed

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 55 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Marz

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(2) allowing for Third Reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

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

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 35

Amery	Griffiths	Nelson
Boutilier	Hancock	Oberg
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Hutton	Ouellette
Coutts	Jablonski	Pham
DeLong	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Knight	Renner
Ducharme	Kryczka	Smith
Dunford	Magnus	Snelgrove
Fritz	Marz	Taylor
Goudreau	Maskell	Yankowsky
Graham	McClellan	

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

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

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) Act, be not now read a Third time because the Bill discriminates against Alberta drivers based on geographic location.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During debate on the amendment, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Griffiths	Maskell
Boutilier	Hancock	McClellan
Calahasen	Hlady	Nelson
Cao	Horner	Oberg
Coutts	Hutton	O'Neill
DeLong	Jablonski	Pham
Doerksen	Jacobs	Renner
Ducharme	Knight	Smith
Dunford	Kryczka	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	Yankowsky
Goudreau	Marz	Zwozdesky
Graham		

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 6 and 13.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford on behalf of Mr. Lougheed
- Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham
- Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier
- Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner
- Bill 55 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 agreed to by the Assembly on December 1, 2003, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 16, 2004

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE
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 Third
Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Alberta:

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 16, 2004, 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 Fourth Session of the Twenty-fifth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
TUESDAY, the 17th day of February, 2004, 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 LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this
Fourth day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Four in the
Fifty-second Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.