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Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, January 26, 1993

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the deaths of former Members Mr. Carl Muller and Dr. Donald James McCrimmon.

**ROUTINE**

**Notices of Motions**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate Yvon Dumont from Manitoba on being appointed, on Friday January 22, 1993, the first Metis Lieutenant-Governor in Canada, and be it further resolved that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly convey to the Lieutenant-Governor this congratulatory message in the usual manner.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2), 1988 Statutes:

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 93A/92-93

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

News Release, dated December 23, 1992, regarding 1991-92 Financial Statements and General Revenue Fund Results, 1991-92

Sessional Paper 1026/92-93

Letter, dated January 26, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and all Members of Cabinet, regarding the Financial Review Commission and Alberta Financial Review Commission, Terms of Reference

Sessional Paper 1027/92-93

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 89/92-93

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 89A/92-93

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporations Act, cA-32.5, s25(2), 1984 Statutes:

Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 87/92-93

Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Annual Report 1991-92

Sessional Paper 87A/92-93

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s20(2), RSA 1980:

Report of the Auditor General on NovAtel Communications Ltd., Alberta Legislative Assembly, September 1992

Sessional Paper 143/92-93

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question period, Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, filed the following:

Master Agreement, dated September 25, 1987, amongst Gainers Properties Inc., Gainers Inc., Sodor Foods Inc., Pocklington Foods Inc., M.P.F. Note Inc., Nutriproducts Limited, Peter H. Pocklington, Province of Alberta Treasury Branches, and 369413 Alberta Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1028/92-93

During Oral Question period, Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, filed the following:

Letter, dated October 27, 1992, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Bob Saari, Vice President, The Canadian Manufacturers' Association regarding responses to questions and a November newsletter

Sessional Paper 1029/92

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

Letter, dated January 25, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Donald Salmon, Auditor General, regarding NovAtel Communications Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1030/92

## **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate Yvon Dumont from Manitoba on being appointed, on Friday January 22, 1993, the first Metis Lieutenant-Governor in Canada, and be it further resolved that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly convey to the Lieutenant-Governor this congratulatory message in the usual manner.

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

## **Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees**

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees in accordance with the following motion:

33. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 55(2), the Assembly proceed with the election of a Deputy Chairman of Committees on January 26, 1993, and that the said election be by secret ballot conducted by the Clerk of the Assembly and furthermore, the successful candidate must receive 50% plus one of all votes cast. If that does not occur on the first ballot, the Member receiving the least number of votes shall be removed from the ballot and a second vote conducted by the Clerk of the Assembly.

If a candidate is not successful on the second ballot, the third and succeeding ballots, if needed, will be conducted in the same manner as the second ballot until such time as a Deputy Chairman of Committees is elected.

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees in accordance with procedure agreed to by the House Leaders and distributed to all Members.

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

Mr. Main, nominated by Hon. Mr. Kowalski

Mr. Woloshyn, nominated by Ms Barrett

Mr. Taylor, nominated Hon. Mr. Sparrow

Mr. Mitchell, nominated by Hon. Mr. Trynchy

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

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

Mr. Speaker, calling for the results of the vote, was informed by the Clerk of the following:

Mr. Speaker, the results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 73; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of eligible votes cast, 72. The number of votes necessary for election, 37. There being no clear majority of votes, the candidate receiving the least number of votes was Mr. Taylor. Therefore Mr. Taylor's name will be removed from the list of candidates for the second ballot.

Mr. Speaker ordered the commencement of the second ballot.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

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

Mr. Speaker, calling for the results of the second vote, was informed by the Clerk of the following:

Mr. Speaker, the results of the second ballot for the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees are as follows: number of ballots cast, 71; number of spoiled ballots, zero; number of eligible votes cast, 71; number of votes necessary for election, 36; the candidate receiving the majority of votes was Mr. Doug Main.

Ms Barrett moved that the ballots be destroyed and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

### **Statement by the Speaker**

"Honourable Members, since the last sitting of this Assembly, a number of Private Members have been appointed by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, to Executive Council. Certain items now standing on the Order Paper under Private Members' business were put on notice or moved by those Members when they still had the status of "Private Member." Parliamentary authorities provide that a Minister cannot be the sponsor of Private Members' business, which means those Bills sponsored by members of Executive Council, and which appear under Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders, are no longer in order. Erskine May, at p. 468 gives the Speaker authority to remove from the Order Paper any item on which the question cannot be put to the House."

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was requested and received that sponsorship of Bill 216, Children's Access Rights Enforcement Act be transferred to Mr. Gogo, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West.

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was requested and received that sponsorship of Bill 218, Vulnerable Persons' Protection Act be transferred to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood.

Having received no objection from the Members, Mr. Speaker advised the House that the following items would be removed from the Order Paper under Public Bills and Order Other Than Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 209 Hospitals Amendment Act – Mr. Jonson

Bill 266 Business Corporations Amendment Act – Mrs. Black

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

Mrs. Gagnon, Hon. Member for Calgary McKnight, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 215, Ombudsman Amendment Act, from the Order Paper.

Mrs. Gagnon, Hon. Member for Calgary McKnight, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for Bill 217, Annual Election of the Speaker Act, to assume the place on the Order Paper formerly held by Bill 215, Ombudsman Amendment Act.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 287, 290, 291, 313, 315, 348, 369, 373.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following motions were ordered to stand:

184, 185, 190, 191, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 219, 227, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 292, 294, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 340, 341, 343, 345, 346, 357, 362, 363, 364, 365, 367, 370, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

Unanimous consent was requested and received for Motion 223 to retain its place on the Order Paper following today's debate.

**223.** Moved by Mr. Hawkesworth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to restructure Alberta's tax system to make it more fair, progressive, and open and that these changes should include: requiring profitable corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes; fully reporting the annual amount of unreported provincial corporate tax expenditures, as recommended by the Auditor General; thoroughly reviewing the value of all provincial corporate tax expenditures and eliminating those which only serve to allow tax avoidance; replacing the regressive flat tax and ineffectual high income surtax with a fair and progressive graduated income surtax that would see taxpayers who earn more pay a greater percentage of their income as tax than lower income earners; and establishing an income-based, child tax credit to offset the disproportionate impact of the Goods and Services Tax.

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

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Deputy Premier, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta confers upon Oscar J. Lacombe, for his lifetime, the title of Honourary Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

## **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

The Speaker invited the Hon. Mr. Jonson to come forward and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Assembly for his service as Deputy Chairman of Committees.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 55 Electoral Divisions Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Fowler

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:16 a.m. Wednesday, January 27, 1993 until 2:30 p.m.

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## **NOTICES**

### **Leave to Introduce a Bill**

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| Bill | 3   | Vencap Equities Alberta Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Elzinga |
| Bill | 44  | Employment Standards Code Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Ms McCoy  |
| Bill | 49  | Industrial Wages Security Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Ms McCoy  |
| Bill | 56  | Appropriation (Supplementary) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning     |
| Bill | 230 | Employment Standards Act – Mr. Bruseker                        |

Bill 239 Alberta Economic Diversification Board Act – Mr. Bruseker  
 Bill 241 Below Cost Timber Sales Act – Mr. McInnis  
 Bill 244 Child Welfare Amendment Act – Ms Mjolsness  
 Bill 246 Decommissioning of Industrial Sites Act – Mr. Mitchell  
 Bill 247 Alberta Retirement Savings Plan Act – Mr. Jonson  
 Bill 248 Financial Administration Amendment Act – Mr. Decore  
 Bill 251 Alberta Youth Conservation Act – Mrs. Gagnon  
 Bill 253 Child Welfare Amendment Act – Ms Mjolsness  
 Bill 255 Amusements Amendment Act – Mrs. Gagnon  
 Bill 257 Alberta Local Development Bonds Act – Mr. Jonson  
 Bill 263 Labour Relations Code Amendment Act – Mr. Bruseker  
 Bill 265 Interprovincial Lottery Amendment Act – Mr. Decore  
 Bill 270 Small Business Support Act – Ms Calahasen  
 Bill 272 An Act to Establish the Alberta Innovation Foundation – Mr. Bradley  
 Bill 275 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendment Act – Mr. Bradley  
 Bill 280 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act – Mr. Fox  
 Bill 283 Arts Council Act – Mrs. Gagnon  
 Bill 284 Child Welfare Amendment Act – Mrs. Hewes  
 Bill 285 Public Service Employee Relations Amendment Act – Mr. Bruseker  
 Bill 286 Highway Traffic Amendment Act – Mrs. Mirosh  
 Bill 287 An Act to Establish a Committee to Promote a Split Peak Rate Assessment for Industrial Energy Consumers – Mr. Paszkowski  
 Bill 293 Public Accounts Committee Act – Mr. Pashak  
 Bill 295 Auditor General Amendment Act – Mr. Decore  
 Bill 296 Entrepreneurial Education Commission Act – Mr. Paszkowski  
 Bill 301 An Act to Phase Out the Use of Chlorofluorocarbons – Mr. Mitchell  
 Bill 309 School Amendment Act – Mrs. Gagnon  
 Bill 312 Crown Property Municipal Grants Amendment Act – Mr. Wickman  
 Bill 313 Auditor General Amendment Act – Mr. Pashak  
 Bill 314 Income Tax Amendment Act – Mr. Wickman  
 Bill 315 An Act to Commit Government to a Five-Year Funding Planning Framework – Mr. Wickman



Bill	317	Miscellaneous Statutes on Marital Status Amendment Act – Ms Laing
Bill	320	An Act to Provide for Elected Representation on Post-Secondary Education Institute Boards – Mr. Pashak
Bill	328	Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Taylor
Bill	331	Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Severtson
Bill	343	Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. McInnis
Bill	344	Rural Electrification Act – Mr. Taylor
Bill	341	Limitations of Actions Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson

## Written Questions

**383.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question:

What would be the estimated total cost to the Government of Alberta and the Municipal District of Sturgeon of realigning secondary highway 651 through Lily Lake, or on a new route around Lily Lake?

**384.** Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government the following question:

How much money has the Government of Alberta spent on:

- (1) the construction of the spur railway line from Peace River to the pulp mill operated by Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd.; and
- (2) the maintenance of that line, from the time of its completion until March 31, 1992?

## Motions for Returns

**385.** Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Any hydrological analyses carried out within the Hotchkiss River basin between January 1, 1980 and July 31, 1992.

**386.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Any contractual agreements between the Government of Alberta and WestCan Malting Ltd. for the period January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1992.

David J. Carter,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, January 26, 1993