



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 1

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Monday, August 30, 1993

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

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GORDON TOWERS,
Lieutenant Governor.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

Neil McCrank,
Deputy Attorney General

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

HEREIN FAIL NOT

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

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

BY COMMAND:

Stephen West,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

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

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

Honourable Members, I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

He therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

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

Election of Speaker

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

Mr. Schumacher, nominated by Hon. Mr. Kowalski

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Decore

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

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

The Clerk then announced the following:

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

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

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

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

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

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

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

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

As your Speaker I welcome all members of the 23rd Legislature. Forty-nine of 83 members are new to this Assembly. Elected public office places incredible demands upon both individuals and their families. Each of us represents all our constituents, regardless of their political affiliations, cultural or linguistic backgrounds. You and I have been elected to serve not only our constituents but all the people of this magnificent province. You have pledged yourselves to that service, and in turn I pledge myself to the service of the Assembly of the province of Alberta.

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

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

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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

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

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Bruseker

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Hon. Mr. Day

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

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

Mr. Speaker then announced the following:

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

Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

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

Mrs. Hewes, nominated by Mr. Mitchell

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

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

Mr. Speaker announced the following:

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

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

Adjournment

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

Stan Schumacher,
Speaker

Title: Monday, August 30, 1993