



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Friday, September 3, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

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

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

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

Notices of Motions

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

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Statement by the Speaker

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

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

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

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kowalski:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply

(Assembly in Committee)

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

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

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 21

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

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

Sessional Paper 605/93

The question being put, the report was agreed to.

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Adjournment

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

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill	5	Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	216	Motor Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Woloshyn
Bill	236	Legal Profession Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Burgener
Bill	241	Public Service Pay Equity Act – Mrs. Soetaert
Bill	246	Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1993 – Dr. L. Taylor
Bill	247	Police Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
Bill	248	Amusement Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Zwozdesky
Bill	249	Employment Standards Code Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Leibovici
Bill	250	Legislative Assembly (Annual Election of the Speaker) Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Decore
Bill	251	Water Resources Amendment Act, 1993 – Mrs. Gordon
Bill	252	Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson
Bill	253	Legal Profession Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 1) – Mr. Dickson
Bill	254	Alberta Youth Conservation Corps Act – Mr. Collingwood
Bill	255	Establishment and Dissolution of Francophone Education Regions Act – Mr. Henry
Bill	256	Vulnerable Persons Protection Act – Mr. Tannas
Bill	257	Retirement Savings Plan Act – Mr. Hlady
Bill	258	Tobacco Control Act – Mr. Lund
Bill	259	Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Doerksen
Bill	260	Native Peoples Representation Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. N. Taylor
Bill	261	Mental Health Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Sapers
Bill	262	Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Hierath
Bill	263	Government Open Contract Act – Mr. Chadi
Bill	264	Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Lund
Bill	265	Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1993 (No. 1) – Ms Hanson

- Bill 266 Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues Amendment Act, 1993
– Mrs. Soetaert
- Bill 267 Telemarketing Act – Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 268 School Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Henry
- Bill 269 Environmental Ombudsman Act – Mr. Langevin
- Bill 270 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Burgener
- Bill 271 Small Power Research and Development Amendment Act, 1993 –
Mr. Hlady
- Bill 272 Uniform Building Standards Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 273 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 274 Volunteer Tax Credit Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Havelock

Stanley S. Schumacher
Speaker

Title: Friday, September 3, 1993