



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Monday, February 14, 1994

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of Mr. Alvin Francis Bullock, former Member for Cardston.

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 236 Calgarians regarding Government plans to restructure the educational system.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, presented a petition from 76 Edmontonians regarding proposed cuts to education.

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Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 2,112 Albertans regarding the passage of legislation ensuring education is an essential service.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Albertans regarding the Early Childhood Services Program.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 410 Albertans regarding the passage of legislation ensuring education is an essential service.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 469 Albertans regarding proposed cuts to education.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 449 Albertans regarding a 20 percent cut in funding to education.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 125 Albertans regarding proposed cuts to education.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the recent Government restructuring in education and concerns about the constitutionality of these changes.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta sends congratulations to Alberta skier Edi Podivinsky to recognize his achievement in winning a bronze medal in the Men's Alpine Downhill at the 1994 Winter Olympics at Lillehammer, Norway.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta extend good wishes to those Alberta athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, CD-9.5, s6(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 72/94

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

Facing Cancer, Alberta Cancer Board, Care and Research Quarterly, Fall 1993

Sessional Paper 73/94

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-14.5, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 79/94

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister responsible for the Wild Rose Foundation:

Alberta Agency for International Development, Annual Review 1992/93
Sessional Paper 801/94

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta Economic Outlook, Investment Dealers Association of Canada,
November 1993
Sessional Paper 802/94

Alberta Tax Reform Commission, A Report to Albertans, February 1994
Sessional Paper 803/94

Staying the Fiscal Course, A Submission to the Provincial Treasurer, Government
of Alberta, by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, February 1994,
and Media Release entitled Chartered Accountants Advocate "Staying the Fiscal
Course," February 2, 1994
Sessional Paper 804/94

Hon. Mr. Day, Chairman, Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform (1993):

The Role and the Mandate of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts,
Interim Report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform (1993)
Sessional Paper 805/94

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

Submission to the Minister of Justice on the Federal Judicial Appointments
Process, Canadian Bar Association, November 1993
Sessional Paper 806/94

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, dated January 21, 1994, from Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Centre, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding changes to funding to education
Sessional Paper 807/94

Letter, dated February 10, 1994, from Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and
Attorney General, to Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding
the confidentiality of legal opinions
Sessional Paper 808/94

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-3, s3(2):

Chief Electoral Officer, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 4/94

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Members' Services Orders 3/93, 4/93, 5/93, 6/93, 1/94, 2/94, 3/94 and 4/94

Sessional Paper 139/94

Oral Question Period

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

Quotations from the President of the Dominion Bond Rating Service Ltd., The Conference Board of Canada, the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, among others

Sessional Paper 809/94

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly from 2:15 p.m. until 2:21 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – Opening Day

The opening of this Second Session of the 23rd Legislature on Thursday saw two incidents occur which must be redressed now.

One incident involved the Chair presuming to dismiss the Assembly without a motion of the Assembly itself. The Chair assures the Assembly that it remains the servant of this Assembly, not the master, and apologizes for the mistake.

The other incident involved three Members of this Assembly leaving the Chamber during His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's speech. The Chair does not believe that the departures were a matter of human necessity nor does the Chair believe that the departures were in any way intended as an insult or affront to either His Honour or the Assembly. The Chair would now offer any of the Members involved the opportunity to speak to the matter.

Some Members responded to the Speaker's invitation.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the recent Government restructuring in education and concerns about the constitutionality of these changes.

The Speaker ruled the request for leave was not order.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta sends congratulations to Alberta skier Edi Podivinsky to recognize his achievement in winning a bronze medal in the Men's Alpine Downhill at the 1994 Winter Olympics at Lillehammer, Norway.

A debate followed.

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

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Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta extend good wishes to those Alberta athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

A debate followed.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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

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

General Revenue Fund, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 601/94

Government Motions

1. Hon. Mr. Dinning moved the following motion:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

2. Hon. Mr. Dinning moved the following motion:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Hon. Mr. Dinning moved the following motion:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Friedel moved the following motion seconded by Mr. Hierath:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, at 5:26 p.m., it was agreed that when the Members reconvened at 8:00 p.m., they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1994 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 - Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Supplementary Supply Estimates of the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Tuesday, February 15, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

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