



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 24

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

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Thursday, March 24, 1994

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

**ROUTINE**

**Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 60 Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 193 Albertans residents regarding funding arrangements for Alberta's seniors lodges and subsidized apartments.

Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 162 Albertans regarding proposed cuts to education.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 468 Albertans regarding provincial funding to adult academic education and the Viscount Bennett Centre.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to maintain the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital and continue to serve the South-east end of Edmonton and surrounding area.

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government not to alter funding arrangements for Alberta's seniors lodges and seniors subsidized apartments until seniors have been consulted and have agreed to any revisions to funding arrangements.

## **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 recognize the outstanding achievements of Wayne Gretzky becoming the NHL all time leading goal scorer.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 (Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, cA-24, s31(10)):

Alberta Health, Annual Report 1992-93  
Sessional Paper 77/94  
Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement, 1992-93  
Sessional Paper 77A/94

Mr. Clegg, Chairman, Water Resources Commission, pursuant to the Water Resources Commission Act, cW-5.1, s7(2):

Water Resources Commission, Annual Report 1992-93  
Sessional Paper 65/94

Dr. L. Taylor, Chairman, Alberta Research Council, pursuant to the Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2):

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report 1993  
Sessional Paper 39/94

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, dated March 7, 1994, from Concerned Seniors of South Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding seniors' programs

Sessional Paper 904/94

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader:

Letter, dated March 18, 1994, from Helen Fita, President, Canadian Polish Youth Friendship Society of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a letter tabled in the Assembly March 15, 1994, by Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre (Sessional Paper 870/94)

Sessional Paper 905/94

### **Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period**

The Speaker made the following statement:

The Chair is compelled to make some comments to Members following yesterday's Question Period. We need to revisit some fundamental principles.

First, the Speaker does not sit in judgment on the truthfulness of statements made in here. Parliament involves using the process of orderly debate to bring facts to light, to put differing viewpoints and positions forward. Disagreements regarding facts and differing versions of facts are to be expected. It is up to Members to put their side forward in debate, thereby persuading other Members and ultimately the voters as to the soundness of their view. In this Assembly, all Members are taken to always speak the truth because no parliament is able to judge the accuracy of every word uttered. The use of words such as "lie, liar, deceive" are unparliamentary because, in and of themselves, they accomplish nothing, just as children on a playground shouting "liar" at each other accomplishes nothing. In those rare cases where the Assembly has been intentionally deceived, a question of privilege, including a question of contempt, would arise.

Second, drowning out questions and responses that do not find favour with one side or the other does not accomplish anything and brings the Assembly into disrepute. Comments from the public indicate that they are not impressed by such behaviour: quite the opposite. Hurling insults and abuse at other Members does not impress anyone either. There are elected bodies in the world where such behaviour is common. There are also elected bodies in the world where fistfights break out. This has never been the case in Alberta and, as far as this Speaker is concerned, it never will be the case. If the preservation of orderly, rational, intelligent debate requires the Chair to name Members, the Chair is prepared to do so. The Chair will be guided in this by the actions of the Members whom the Chair is here to serve.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding World TB (tuberculosis) Day, March 24, 1994.

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding long-term unemployment and retraining.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding budget restraints and the provision of quality education.

## Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, filed the following:

Report on the Economic Impact of the University of Lethbridge, Communications and Public Relations Institutional Analysis, December 1993; Brief, Academic Staff Association, Grande Prairie Regional College; news release, dated January 25, 1994, from the University of Lethbridge; and Submission to Adult Learning, Access Through Innovation, Economic Development Department, City of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 906/94

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 28 to March 31, 1994:

Monday, March 28, 1994

Aft. - **Government Motions**

No. 16

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 1, Labour Boards  
Amalgamation Act

**Committee of the Whole**

As per Order Paper

**Third Reading**

As per Order Paper

	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Department of Energy <b>Committee of the Whole</b> As per Order Paper <b>Third Reading</b> As per Order Paper
Tuesday, March 29, 1994	(4:30 p.m.)	- <b>Committee of the Whole</b> As per Order Paper <b>Third Reading</b> As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Department of Environmental Protection <b>Committee of the Whole</b> As per Order Paper <b>Third Reading</b> As per Order Paper
Wednesday, March 30, 1994	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Department of Community Development <b>Committee of the Whole</b> As per Order Paper <b>Third Reading</b> As per Order Paper
Thursday, March 31, 1994	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Department of Agriculture (Designated)

### **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:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the outstanding achievements of Wayne Gretzky becoming the NHL all time leading goal scorer.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply**

(Day 16 of Main Estimates Consideration - Designated)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Transportation and Utilities, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to file copies of a document filed by the Minister of Transportation and Utilities on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

How the Department's Pavement Management System Contributes to Pavement Rehabilitation Programming Processes, Transportation and Utilities, October 19, 1993

Sessional Paper 907/94

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

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third:

Bill 9 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 5:45 p.m., the Speaker put the question on all Appropriation Bills on the Order Paper under Third Reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 8 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning  
Bill 9 Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Interim Supply Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

On request by Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to move the following:

Be it resolved that Muriel Abdurahman be appointed to the Designated Supply Subcommittee dealing with the estimates of the Department of Health to replace Ken Nicol.

Sessional Paper 908/94

The motion was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, March 28, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

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