



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

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Tuesday, February 14, 1995

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and moment of silence was observed in recognition of the deaths of former Member, Dr. Elmer Ernest Roper, Hon. Member for Edmonton, who passed away November 12, 1994, and Dr. Harry Sohal, Hon. Sitting Member for Calgary-McCall, who passed away on November 15, 1994.

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mr. Mitchell, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Langevin and Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, paid tribute to the late Dr. Sohal.

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 190 Lethbridge and area residents regarding access to fully funded kindergarten programming.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 384 Calgary residents regarding funding for 400 hours or more of Early Childhood Services.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 330 Edmonton and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 249 Whitecourt residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 261 Lethbridge and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 342 Calgary residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

## **Notices of Motions**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly send congratulations to Bettie Hewes, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Gold Bar, who has been awarded Woman of the Year by the Edmonton Business and Professional Women's Club and the Edmonton Sun. Bettie Hewes will receive her award this Thursday, February 16, 1995 and she is the first politician ever to receive this honour.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate restoration of the rebate of provincial income taxes paid by private investor-owned utilities to Alberta power consumers, removed by the Provincial Government in 1990, in order to preserve Alberta's competitive advantage.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 15, 1995:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Kevin Martin and his team on winning the Alberta Provincial Men's Curling Championship at the Avonair Curling Club on February 12, 1995.

## **Introduction of Bills**

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d).

Standing Order 38(1)(d) having been waived:

Bill 201 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Mitchell

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cC-8.5, s8:

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 90/95

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

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 78/95

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Three Year Business Plans, 17 Regional Health Authorities

Sessional Paper 604/95

Mr. Havelock, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Professional Sport Policy Committee: Executive Summary, Final Report and Technical Documents

Sessional Paper 603/95

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Banner entitled, "Our Future is in Your Hands," signed by 1,200 Fort McMurray parents and students

Sessional Paper 605/95

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Speech to the Throne, delivered by Grant Mitchell, Leader, Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Third Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature, Monday, February 13, 1995

Sessional Paper 606/95

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Chairman, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Member Services Orders 5/94 and 6/94

Sessional Paper 141/95

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Investigation Relating to Alleged Benefit Received by Peter Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt, December 14, 1994

Sessional Paper 2/95

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Liberal Caucus News, January 16, 1995, "Alberta Liberal unveil detailed 20/20 Vision to Eliminate Alberta's Debt" and related document entitled "20/20 Vision, Debt Management and Retirement Plan, Alberta Liberal Caucus, January 1995"

Sessional Paper 607/95

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, tabled the following:

"Taxes, Taxes, Taxes . . . Klein, Klein, Klein," table of 135 taxes and fees in Alberta, 1986-1992

Sessional Paper 608/95

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the privatization of Alberta's correctional centres.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the life and contributions to society of the late Dr. Harry Sohal.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement regarding education in Fort McMurray.

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate restoration of the rebate of provincial income taxes paid by private investor-owned utilities to Alberta power consumers, removed by the Provincial Government in 1990, in order to preserve Alberta's competitive advantage.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly send congratulations to Bettie Hewes, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Gold Bar, who has been awarded Woman of the Year by the Edmonton Business and Professional Women's Club and the Edmonton Sun. Bettie Hewes will receive her award this Thursday, February 16, 1995 and she is the first politician ever to receive this honour.

A debate followed.

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

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate Kevin Martin and his team on winning the Alberta Provincial Men's Curling Championship at the Avonair Curling Club on February 12, 1995.

A debate followed.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Motions Other Than Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a).

Standing Order 38(1)(a) having been waived:

**501.** Moved by Mr. Hierath:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly request the Government to request the Federal Government to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act so that producers of wheat and barley will have the option to market their grain on the North American continent either through the Canadian Wheat Board or by private export, and that this option be extended by November 1, 1995. If the aforementioned time-line is not met, the Government of Alberta is urged to conduct a province-wide plebiscite for the producers of wheat and barley.

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, moved the motion be amended by:

striking out

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and by adding after "private export"

provided that

and by adding at the end, after "wheat and barley"

approves this plan

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned (on amendment), Dr. L. Taylor speaking.

## **Government Motions**

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a).

Standing Order 38(1)(a) having been waived, Hon. Mr. Day moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Assembly be amended per the document (Sessional Paper 610/95) appearing on Members' desks.

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

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

Memorandum of Agreement, dated February 14, 1995, between the House Leader of the Government of Alberta and the House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition

Sessional Paper 609/95

Amendments to Standing Orders, Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Sessional Paper 610/95

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Mr. Brassard moved the following motion seconded by Mr. Amery:

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.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Brassard and seconded by Mr. Amery:

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.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Wednesday, February 15, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

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