



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, February 16, 1995

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Goldbar, presented a petition from Edmonton and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from Edmonton and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 240 Calgary and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from St. Albert and area residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffer, presented a petition from Nanton, Granum, Claresholm, Calgary and area residents regarding the closure of hospital beds in south-western Alberta by an unelected Regional Health Authority.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Opposition House Leader, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to ensure all Alberta school boards provide the opportunity for each eligible child to receive a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

We also request the Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to allow Alberta school boards to use money from the Alberta School Foundation Fund to fund 400 hours or more of Early Childhood Services (ECS) determined by the local community, so that there are no ECS user fees for 400 hour programs and so that all Alberta children have an equal opportunity or "level playing field" to succeed and compete in life by having equal access to basic educational resources.

On request by Ms. Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to address our concerns pertaining to the lack of funding and definition for the mild to moderate children in the Special Education Programs.

## **Introduction of Bills**

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 13 Bee Act — Mr. Clegg

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 13 Bee Act — Mr. Clegg

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

Bill 14 Irrigation District Rehabilitation Endowment Fund Amendment Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

## Notices of Motions

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the people of Grande Prairie and the people of Jasper for their tremendous effort in organizing the Canada Winter Games 1995. They are to be commended for their community spirit.

Further, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly extends its best wishes for a successful completion.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Table, Liberal lotteries consultation/open house

Sessional Paper 619/95

Letter, dated January 16, 1995, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding representations to the Lottery Review Panel, February 16, 1995, hearing in Calgary

Sessional Paper 620/95

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M214 asked by Mr. Kirkland on October 26, 1994:

The number of professional papers published by scientists and/or employees of the Leduc Food Processing Plant and the number of patents originating from this institution in the period between January 1, 1984 and May 10, 1994.

Sessional Paper 214A/95

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader:

Schedule A, Election of Officers, Procedure, to the amendments to Standing Orders approved by the Assembly Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Sessional Paper 621/95

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Alberta Metis Settlements Transition Commission, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 622/95

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M207 asked by Ms Carlson on October 19, 1994:

Copies of loan guarantee agreements between the Government and North Saskatchewan Riverboat Ltd., between January 1, 1992 and May 3, 1994, for which all parties to this agreement allow release.

Sessional Paper 207A/95

Response to Written Question No. Q201 asked by Mr. Bruseker on October 19, 1994:

What are the economic assumptions that are underlying the forecast of job creation by industry 1993-97, as presented on page 23 of "Seizing Opportunity: Alberta's New Economic Development Strategy"?

Sessional Paper 201A/95

## Members' Statements

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the 1995 Canada Winter Games to be held in Grande Prairie February 15 to March 4, 1995.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding construction completion of Highway 40.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding current climate of confidence in Alberta.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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 February 21 to February 23, 1995:

Tuesday, February 21, 1995	Aft.	- Following Oral Question Period, the Assembly will recess to 4:00 p.m.
	(4:00 p.m.)	- <b>Government Motions</b>
		Budget Address — Hon. Mr. Dinning
Wednesday, February 22, 1995	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Government Motions</b>
		Budget Debate

Thursday, February 23, 1995

Aft.

- **Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Supply Estimates

### **Speaker's Ruling**

Yesterday, Wednesday, February 15, the Member for Edmonton-Mayfield rose on a point of order respecting the use of the phrase "mislead the House" by the Minister of Transportation. In reply, the Government House Leader stated that the Member for Edmonton-McClung had also used the word "mislead" in reference to the Premier. The Chair undertook to review the blues.

Having done so, the Chair rules as follows. The Minister of Transportation did say that "the whole essence of this conversation was made to mislead this House in some direction". From the context, the Minister was saying that Edmonton-Mayfield's line of questioning was intended to mislead. Not to put too fine a point on it, but this is different than saying that the Honourable Member had made a statement which was untrue. The Chair does not find an accusation of deception or deceit in the Minister's remarks nor does the Chair find any deception or deceit in the Member's line of questioning. Perhaps the line of questioning was intended to lead the listener to a certain conclusion. There is nothing wrong with that.

With respect to the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, we have the same sort of situation. The Leader of the Opposition said the "Premier mislead" the Fraser Institute in a speech. If one were to ask the Honourable Leader if he meant to say that the Premier lied to the Fraser Institute, the Chair is certain that the Leader of the Opposition would say "no."

I will admonish both the Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and caution all other Members in this way: since the word "mislead" is equated in many people's minds with "lying," Members should be very careful about using the word.

### **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the people of Grande Prairie and the people of Jasper for their tremendous effort in organizing the Canada Winter Games 1995. They are to be commended for their community spirit.

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A debate followed.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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.

During debate, Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, tabled the following:

Letter, dated November 15, 1994, to Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, from Laurie Keenan, regarding educational cutbacks

Sessional Paper 623/95

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, at 5:19 p.m. the Assembly adjourned, pursuant to Standing Order 3(4), until Tuesday, February 21, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

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