



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 947 Albertans regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 47 Albertans regarding the Person's Case Scholarship.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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 Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Goldbar, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

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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 Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

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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.

Notices of Motions

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 22, 1995:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the Kinsmen and Kinettes in recognition of their 75th Anniversary on February 20, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of the following Bill:

Bill 6 Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and support the City of Calgary's bid to host the 2005 World's Fair.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, dated February 14, 1995 from John Ballheim, President, Alberta Chamber of Commerce, to Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer; TransAlta Utilities Corporation's cover letter from Ross Waldo; and letter, dated April 6, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding provincial and federal portions of public utilities income rebates

Sessional Paper 624/95

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Petition regarding hours of kindergarten instruction, signed by 1,028 Albertans

Sessional Paper 625/95

Letters and coupons, undated, regarding kindergarten instruction

Sessional Paper 626/95

Mrs. Laing, Chairman, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Annual Report 1993-94

Sessional Paper 26/95

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, variously dated, regarding the Innisfail health care system

Sessional Paper 627/95

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

Letter, dated January 31, 1995, from Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo and letter, dated January 16, 1995, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler regarding representations to the Lottery Review Committee, with attached schedule of Lottery Review Committee public meetings

Sessional Paper 628/95

Members' Statements

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Calgary's hosting of the World Fire and Police Games.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Thinking Day, February 22, 1995.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Goldbar, made a statement regarding Edmonton's celebration of 200 years of building and growth.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the Kinsmen and Kinettes in recognition of their 75th Anniversary on February 20, 1995.

A debate followed.

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

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and support the City of Calgary's bid to host the 2005 World's Fair.

A debate followed.

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

Temporary Recess

Following Oral Question Period, on motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, unanimous consent was granted to waive Standing Order 8(2), and the Assembly recessed at 3:15 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to consider Government Business.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1995 – 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

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

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

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Estimates of Expenditure.

Government Estimates, 1995-96	Sessional Paper 629/95
Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund, 1994-95	Sessional Paper 630/95
Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1995-96	Sessional Paper 631/95
Lottery Fund Estimates, 1995-96	Sessional Paper 632/95

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1995-96 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6)(a), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1995-96 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1994-95 Supplementary Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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 1994-95 Supplementary Supply estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, at 4:38 p.m., the Assembly adjourned until Wednesday, February 22, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.
