



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 7

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Thursday, February 23, 1995

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 71 Albertans regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 73,500 Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Misericordia Hospital as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from residents of Lac La Biche regarding sexual orientation and the Individual Rights Protection Act (IRPA).

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 78 Albertans regarding the excavation and development of Horseshoe Canyon into a golf course.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to retain the Person's Case Scholarship because it ensures this critical piece of Alberta history is always remembered and respected.

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 provide quality kindergarten education for our children by maintaining a minimum of 400 hours of kindergarten instruction per child per school year and to guarantee this right by legislation.

On request by Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government not to make sexual orientation a part of the Individual Rights Protection Act (IRPA).

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Abdurahman, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty Third Legislature, First and Second Sessions, August 1993 to November 1994
Sessional Paper 640/95

Introduction of Bills

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Jacques

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

Bill 17 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities Construction Report, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 641/95

Alberta Transportation and Utilities Construction Programming Process
Sessional Paper 642/95

Mr. Stelmach, Chairman, Alberta Agriculture Research Institute, pursuant to the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2):

Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Annual Report 1993-94
Sessional Paper 18/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1994
Sessional Paper 88/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Society of Management Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1993-94
Sessional Paper 87/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1994
Sessional Paper 86/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s6(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1993
Sessional Paper 89/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cC-8.5, s8:

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, Annual Report 1994
Sessional Paper 90A/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1993-94
Sessional Paper 92/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report
1993-94
Sessional Paper 97/95

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council of Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-25.01, s7(2):

Psychologists Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1993-94
Sessional Paper 100/95

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, filed the following:

Letter, dated February 22, 1995, from Wendy Francis, Chairperson, Canadian Rockies Ecosystem Subcommittee, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the proposed Limestone Valley Resort, Municipal District of Bighorn, No. 8

Sessional Paper 643/95

Screening Report, B.H.B. Canmore Ltd., Limestone Valley Resort, Issued by Alberta Environmental Protection, February 1, 1995

Sessional Paper 644/95

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, filed the following:

Table, Intergovernmental Programs and Divisions in Various Departments, from the 1995-96 budget documents

Sessional Paper 645/95

During Oral Question Period, Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, filed the following:

Alberta Hospitals Act, Chapter 11, 2(7)-(10), RSA 1980

Sessional Paper 646/95

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, filed the following:

Broadcast News, February 3, 1994, "Alta-Taxes-Taylor", regarding higher personal and corporate taxes to reduce the deficit

Sessional Paper 647/95

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister without Portfolio (Economic Development and Tourism) filed the following:

Pamphlet, An Invitation for Offers to Purchase Magnesium Plant Assets, Price Waterhouse

Sessional Paper 648/95

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

Offering Circular, Province of Alberta, U.S. \$1,500,000,000, Euro Medium Term Note Programme for the issue of notes with maturities of up to 15 years, Merrill Lynch International Limited, December 15, 1994

Sessional Paper 649/95

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Lottery Review Committee.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the affects of Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) in Alberta.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement paying tribute to Dr. Anne Anderson on the occasion of her retirement for her service to the development of native language and culture.

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 28 to March 2, 1995:

Monday, February 27, 1995	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Bill 1, Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act
		Bill 12, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1995
		Bill 13, Bee Act
		Bill 14, Irrigation District Rehabilitation Endowment Fund Amendment Act, 1995
		Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
	Eve.	- Committee of Supply
		Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 2
		Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Tuesday, February 28, 1995	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Motions Government Motion No. 14 (Budget Debate)
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Supplementary Appropriation Bill Committee of Supply Energy
Wednesday, March 1, 1995	Eve.	- Committee of the Whole Supplementary Appropriation Bill Committee of Supply Labour
Thursday, March 2, 1995	Aft.	- Committee of Supply Justice and Attorney General

Speaker's Ruling — Point of Order, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray

Last night, February 22, 1995, a point of order was raised by the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray concerning statements made by the Government House Leader which, it was alleged, personally insulted the Member. Although no Standing Orders were referred to, the point of order would relate to Standing Order 23, clauses (h),(i) and (j). The Chair undertook to review the Blues on this matter.

The Chair has reviewed the Blues on this matter. The words spoken by the Government House Leader were for the most part in order. For example, the Chair does not believe that an inference that the Member for Ft. McMurray has worked against the common sense thinking of his profession is out of order. The Chair does not condone such comments but they are not necessarily breaches of order. However, there is an inference that the Member for Fort McMurray has worked against the honour of his profession and to the extent that this may be taken to mean that the Member is less than honourable, the Minister is invited to retract that statement.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, retracted the statement in question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, February 22, 1995, Mr. Hierath moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed on January 18, 1995 to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Harley A. Johnson be reappointed as Ombudsman for the Province of Alberta, for a further period of five years.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Supplementary Supply Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1994-95 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, for the Minister and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

Operating Expenditure Vote:	Net Appropriation of \$10,400,000 and Net Transfer from Family and Social Services of \$14,000,000 from the operating expenditure vote
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Community Development

Operating Expenditure Vote:	Net Appropriation of \$1,000 and Transfer from Family and Social Services of \$9,740,000 from the operating expenditure vote
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Family and Social Services

Capital Investment Vote: Net Appropriation of \$1,000 and Net Transfer from Family and Social Services of \$450,000 from the operating expenditure vote

Health

Operating Expenditure Vote: Net Appropriation of \$1,000 and Net Transfer from Community Development of \$7,500,000 and from Public Works, Supply and Services of \$40,000,000 from the capital investment vote

Mr. Clegg also tabled a copy of the motion agreed to in Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 56(2)(a) and (b) establishing the following Designated Supply Subcommittees:

Economic Development and Tourism

Ms Calahasen (Chairman)	Mr. Friedel	Mr. Hlady
Mr. Bruseker	Mr. Germain	Mr. Van Binsbergen
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Herard	Mr. Woloshyn

Environmental Protection

Ms Calahasen (Chairman)	Mr. Friedel	Dr. Percy
Mr. Collingwood	Mr. Herard	Dr. L. Taylor
Mr. Coutts	Mr. Hlady	Mr. N. Taylor

Executive Council

Mr. Magnus (Chairman)	Mr. Havelock	Mr. Pham
Ms Carlson	Mr. Jacques	Mr. Sekulic
Mr. Doerksen	Mr. Mitchell	Mr. Yankowsky

Public Works, Supply and Services

Mr. McFarland (Chairman)	Mr. Clegg	Mr. Severtson
Ms Abdurahman	Mr. Dunford	Mr. Tannas
Ms Carlson	Mr. Sapers	Mr. Trynchy

Transportation and Utilities

Mr. McFarland (Chairman)	Mrs. Gordon	Mr. Tannas
Mr. Clegg	Ms Leibovici	Mr. N. Taylor
Mr. Dunford	Mr. Severtson	Mr. White

Sessional Paper 650/95

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

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) to introduce Bill 7, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, notice having been given and unanimous consent having been granted:

Bill 7 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, February 27, 1995, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Thursday, February 23, 1995