



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Thursday, February 22, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the proposed implementation of health care databases.

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 that the Alberta Place District Office of Family and Social Services will not be closed as an SFI office until alternate service delivery points are established and accessible to all residents of downtown Calgary.

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 of Alberta to reduce the \$25 application fee to access government records to be more in line with the other provinces, as legislated under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regulations.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Third Legislature, Third Session, February 1995 to November 1995
Sessional Paper 627/96

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 that February is Black History Month in Alberta.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the efforts of the athletes, organizers and volunteers involved in the 1996 Alberta Winter Games being held in Lethbridge from February 22 to 25, 1996.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M225 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

A copy of the questionnaire and results of the Angus Reid poll which included questions about Special Places 2000, that was conducted for the Government in the summer of 1994.

Sessional Paper 225A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M226 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

A copy of the questionnaire and results of the environmental monitor poll on environmental issues, including Special Places 2000, that was communicated to the Department of Environmental Protection in January 1995.

Sessional Paper 226A/96

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Response to Written Question No. Q234 asked by Mr. Sekulic on October 18, 1995:

What is the identity of the borrower who was given a \$4.25 million work-out export loan guarantee on May 19, 1993, as set out on page 267 of the 1993-94 Public Accounts, Volume 2?

Sessional Paper 234A/96

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

Letter, undated, to Mathias Sikkias, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Grande Yellowhead Regional Division, objecting to the school bus transportation user fees

Sessional Paper 628/96

Letter, undated, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, objecting to the Grande Yellowhead Regional Division school bus transportation user fees

Sessional Paper 629/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

List entitled "Compilation of various crimes as a result of a VLT (Video Lottery Terminal) addiction"

Sessional Paper 630/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Athabasca University, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 631/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2):

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 13/96

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Building Quality Restoration Program, Project Cost Premiums in Fort McMurray, prepared for Fort McMurray School District #2833 and Fort McMurray Catholic Schools by Kinnaid Planning and Research Ltd., December 1995

Sessional Paper 632/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter, dated January 25, 1996, from the President of the Patients' Council, Alberta Hospital Edmonton, to the Provincial Mental Health Board, regarding the quality of life within the hospital

Sessional Paper 633/96

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

Brochure entitled, "Do you want to be a second-class patient in your own hospital?"

Sessional Paper 634/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, filed the following:

Letter, fax-dated February 9, 1996, from Catherine Murphy, Hinton, Alberta, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding a severe fall and a subsequent ambulance bill

Sessional Paper 635/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding kindergarten age restrictions.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, and the quality of life for people suffering from a psychiatric illness.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding the proposed signing of a three-year contract between the Alberta Tourism Partnership and the Government of Alberta.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, 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 26 to February 29, 1996:

Monday, February 26	Aft.	- Government Motions Government Motion No. 9
	Eve.	- Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 1
Tuesday, February 27	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act Committee of the Whole Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act
	Eve.	- Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 2
Wednesday, February 28	Eve.	- Committee of Supply Transportation and Utilities Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

Thursday, February 29

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**
Family and Social Services
Energy
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 10, Appropriation
(Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

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 motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize that February is Black History Month in Alberta.

A debate followed.

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

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the efforts of the athletes, organizers and volunteers involved in the 1996 Alberta Winter Games being held in Lethbridge from February 22 to 25, 1996.

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, the Assembly recessed at 3:26 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1996 – 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Administrator.

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

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

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1996-97	Sessional Paper 636/96
Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, 1995-96	Sessional Paper 637/96
Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1996-97	Sessional Paper 638/96
Agenda '96, Balance, Responsibility, Opportunity, Government of Alberta	Sessional Paper 639/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Administrator, the 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. 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 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved 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.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Administrator, the Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:38 p.m. until Monday, February 26, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

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