



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 10

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Thursday, February 29, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mrs. Black

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Partial list of film and television projects cancelled or leaving Alberta due to the Province's withdrawal of support for AMPDC (Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation)

Sessional Paper 666/96

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

Handbook for Action Against Prostitution of Youth in Calgary, Recommendations of the Prostitution Policy, Service and Research Committee for the Calgary Community

Sessional Paper 667/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):
Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1994
Sessional Paper 110/96

Oral Question Period

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

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety, Work Site Service Report, dated December 10, 1992, regarding Kawneer Company Canada Ltd.
Sessional Paper 668/96

Various safety committee minutes, Kawneer Company Canada Ltd., 1993-95
Sessional Paper 669/96

List of employees and symptoms of health problems
Sessional Paper 670/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement announcing that March 3 to 9, 1996 is Agriculture week.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, made a statement regarding the Michener Centre in Red Deer, recognizing the staff of the Centre and the evolution of the facility.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the closure of beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton and the provision of an appropriate level of care to people who have a right to a dignified existence.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave a brief history of unions and made a statement regarding the disturbing trend of current public sector union emphasis on wages.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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 March 4 to March 7, 1996:

Monday, March 4	Aft.	- Committee of Supply
		Subcommittees
		(A) Executive Council (Chamber)
		(D) Science and Research (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act
		Bill 7, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996
		Bill 9, Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996
		Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
		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

Tuesday, March 5

(4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading

As per Order Paper

Committee of the Whole

As per Order Paper

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Subcommittees

(A) Advanced Education and Career Development (Chamber)

(B) Justice and Attorney General (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)

Government Bills and Orders

(Committee of the Whole)

Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

Wednesday, March 6

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Subcommittees

(D) Energy (Chamber)

(B) Community Development (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

Thursday, March 7

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**

Subcommittees

(C) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Chamber)

(A) Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Room 512, Leg. Bldg.)

Second Reading

Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

Speaker's Ruling - Privilege

Hon. Members, last night we had a very late, long evening, and the Chair wants to deal with a couple of things, as indicated, about last night's business. First of all, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo raised a question of privilege in the Assembly about the motion passed in the Committee of Supply to establish subcommittees. The Hon. Member attempted to distinguish his question of privilege from that raised by the Leader of the Opposition on the evening of February 26. Both applications dealt with the issue of two subcommittees meeting at the same time. The Chair's ruling on February 26 expressly addressed the issue of a Member's privilege of freedom of speech. The Chair ruled that there was no prima facie question of privilege, and that should have ended the matter. Not only is the question of privilege raised by the Member for Calgary-Buffalo indistinguishable from the previous question of privilege, it is inconceivable to the Chair how the Member could say that this was raised at the earliest opportunity when the motion was introduced in the committee on Monday night. If the Member had something to contribute, he should have contributed it on Monday night. The question of passing has nothing whatever to do with it.

Questions of privilege are the most serious matters an Assembly can address. They should not be raised frivolously. The Hon. Member knew his question was virtually identical to his leader's, yet chose to take up the time of the House at a very late hour last night. There is no prima facie case of privilege, and the matter was not raised at the earliest opportunity.

The Chair also received written notice from the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray under Standing Order 15(2) of a purported question of privilege that arrived today. The essence of his question concerns two subcommittees meeting at the same time, and I'm wondering whether there's an echo in here. The same principles are involved as in the other two purported questions of privilege. The principles were addressed in the Chair's ruling of February 26. The Member indicated that he sits on two subcommittees that are scheduled to meet at the same time. The actual membership of the subcommittees is a matter for the Committee of Supply. The matter mirrors the other two questions of privilege. The Chair will not entertain any more debate on that purported question of privilege or other questions of privilege that are virtually the same as the two already raised.

Lottery Fund Estimates

It has been brought to the Chair's attention that yesterday when the Committee of Supply was considering the estimates for the Department of Transportation and Utilities, it also began considering the Lottery Fund Estimates. The Chair advises all Members of the Assembly that any consideration of Lottery Fund Estimates yesterday was not in order. The Lottery Fund Estimates are not part of the Main Estimates and cannot be considered with the Main Estimates. Standing Order 58(2.1) reads, "The Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the estimates of the Alberta Lottery Fund on not more than 2 sitting days."

The Chair understands that the Government will be presenting a motion to the Legislative Assembly to refer the Lottery Fund Estimates to the Committee of Supply for its consideration. Although this may be viewed as a matter to be determined in the Committee of Supply, the Chair finds that the Lottery Fund Estimates have not been referred to the Committee of Supply, then they reside with the Assembly until they are.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some further 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 Department of Labour (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour:

Alberta Labour Business Plan and Supplementary Information, 1996-97 to
1998-99

Sessional Paper 671/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the report: 31

Amery	Fritz	McFarland
Beniuk	Haley	Mirosh
Black	Havelock	Oberg
Brassard	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Hierath	Rostad
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Thurber
Coutts	Laing	Trynchy
Day	Lund	Woloshyn
Dunford	Magnus	Yankowsky
Forsyth		

Against the report: 13

Abdurahman
Bracko
Collingwood
Dickson
Hewes

Leibovici
Massey
Sapers
Sekulic

Soetaert
Taylor (Redwater)
Vasseur
Wickman

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like table copies of a resolution agreed to in Committee of Supply making the following changes to the membership of the Subcommittees of Supply:

On Subcommittee A, that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Zariwny be removed and replaced with Mr. Van Binsbergen and Mr. Chadi, and

On Subcommittee D, that Mr. Chadi be removed and replaced with Mr. N. Taylor

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. M, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, March 4, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

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