



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 2 Albertans requesting the enactment of legislation which would prohibit direct or indirect provincial financing of private businesses.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented 168 letters regarding the Divorce Act's definition of the child of a marriage.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was concurred in by the Assembly yesterday, the following petitions now be deemed to be read and received:

- of the Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996;
- of Andrew Tiel and Neil Josephson for the Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act;
- of James Roberts for the Evangel Bible College Act;
- of Jeff Harmon for the Bethesda Bible College Act;
- of Unifarm for the Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996.

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 seniors can live with dignity and independence by means of a strong health care system which includes necessary home care.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Thursday, March 21, 1996:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

New Practice Guidelines for Foot, Ankle X-rays, Alberta Clinical Practice Guidelines Program Advisory Committee, March 20, 1996

Sessional Paper 745/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Government of Alberta News release, dated March 20, 1996, entitled, "Government Appoints 15 Member Board of Directors for Alberta Treasury Branches," with attached background information

Sessional Paper 746/96

Letter, dated March 12, 1996, from P. Michael Maher, Acting Chair, Alberta Treasury Branch Director Search Panel and Dean, Faculty of Management, University of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, regarding the recommendations of the Search Panel for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 747/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Faxed letter, dated March 20, 1996, from Robert C. Burgener, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Talbot v. Mitchell and Sapers, Q.B. #9603 06089

Sessional Paper 748/96

Statement of Claim, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Edmonton, Robert Talbot, Plaintiff, and Grant Mitchell and Howard Sapers, Defendants, March 19, 1996

Sessional Paper 749/96

Statement of Claim notification from Robert C. Burgener, Barrister and Solicitor, to Grant Mitchell and Howard Sapers, Defendants, on behalf of client Robert Talbot, Plaintiff, indicating the defendants are being sued

Sessional Paper 750/96

Edmonton Sun article, dated March 19, 1996, entitled, "Grits to face lawsuit"

Sessional Paper 751/96

Edmonton Journal article, dated March 20, 1996, entitled "Liberals question links of Hotel de Health boss"

Sessional Paper 752/96

Letter, March 19, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, authorizing Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to raise a question of privilege on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 753/96

Letter, dated March 19, 1996, from Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, indicating Mr. Bruseker's intention to raise a purported point of privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15(2)

Sessional Paper 754/96

Letter, dated March 16, 1996, from Robert C. Burgener, Barrister and Solicitor, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding Robert Talbot's intention to pursue legal remedies in the event that Mr. Talbot considers any statements made by Mr. Mitchell or his party to be defamatory

Sessional Paper 755/96

Privilege

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would rule tomorrow, Thursday, March 21, 1996, on the purported point of privilege raised by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, filed the following:

Various News Observer articles, dated February 19, 21, 22, and 26, 1995, regarding the hog industry in Alberta, with related supporting survey and graphs
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q179, Q180, Q181, Q187, Q189.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

M178. Moved by Mrs. Hewes :

Copies of all working documents, correspondence, and recommendations written by the Government's Interdepartmental Committee on Human Rights that pertain to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for the period January 1, 1991, through to December 31, 1993.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M182, M183, M184, M185, M186, M188, M190.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Debate adjourned

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Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 758/95

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, filed the following:

Letter, undated, from David Hodgins, President, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, regarding Bill 208, Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996

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Debate continued.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:11 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), 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, 1997, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Treasury

\$32,417,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,856,000</u>	Capital Investment
34,273,000	

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$339,051,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,789,000</u>	Capital Investment
340,840,000	

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Responses to Questions Raised in Committee of Supply, March 7, 1996
Sessional Paper 760/96

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until Thursday, March 21, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Wednesday, March 20, 1996