



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Thursday, January 29, 1998

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

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period today, regarding comments made in Question Period by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

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## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
- Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 203 Municipal Government (Environmentally Significant Areas) Amendment Act, 1998— Ms Kryczka
- Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Doerksen on behalf of Mr. Herard
- Bill 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson on behalf of Ms Forsyth
- Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald
- Bill 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier
- Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen
- Bill 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson
- Bill 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers
- Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz
- Bill 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 214 Post-Secondary Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Dr. Massey
- Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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

- Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
- Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Community Facility Enhancement Program: Approved Applications, listing by location

Sessional Paper 24/98

Community Facility Enhancement Program II: Approved Projects, listing by location

Sessional Paper 25/98

Community Facility Enhancement Program III: Approved Applications, listing by location

Sessional Paper 26/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s16:

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, for the Year Ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 27/98

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Annex: Text of the Covenant

Sessional Paper 28/98

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Agenda for Opportunity backgrounder entitled "Education reinvestment to 2000/2001", by Alberta Department of Education

Sessional Paper 29/98

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Standard and Poor's article dated November 1997, entitled "Canadian Focus: Provincial Analyses", regarding Alberta's credit profile and noting the possibility of future enactments of revenue measures if required to meet debt reduction goals

Sessional Paper 30/98

## Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Lunar New Year celebrations by the Chinese and Vietnamese communities, and in particular the Viet Canadian Association of Edmonton cultural ceremony.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement expressing concern for the Regional Health Authorities' boundaries which create inequities in the funding and provision of health care.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the December 14, 1997 fire in Livingstone-Macleod destroying over 72,000 acres of land, and thanking the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, fire fighters, and other community volunteers for their assistance.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, Official 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 2 to February 5, 1998:

Monday, February 2	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 1, 2, 7, 10 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b>
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 1, 2, 7, 10 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b>
Tuesday, February 2	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Government Motions</b> Easter and Sessional Adjournment Motions

	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading,</b> <b>Committee of the Whole or</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bills 1, 2, 7, 10 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech</b> <b>from the Throne</b>
Wednesday, February 4	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 5, 8, 9, 11 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech</b> <b>from the Throne</b>
Thursday, February 5	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Address in Reply to the Speech</b> <b>from the Throne</b> <b>Second Reading,</b> <b>Committee of the Whole or</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bills 1, 2, 7, 10

## **Privilege**

Oral notice having been given earlier today, Thursday, January 29, 1998, and pursuant to Standing Order 15, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, raised a purported point of privilege regarding his ability to represent his constituents due to comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

A debate followed.

The Speaker ruled on the purported question of privilege raised by the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition concerning statements made by the Premier yesterday in Question Period on VLTs (video lottery terminals).

The Speaker's Office was notified at 11:00 a.m. today that the Leader of the Official Opposition would be raising this purported question of privilege in compliance with Standing Order 15(2). The Chair finds that this was the earliest opportunity to raise the matter.

Under Standing Order 15(7), it is the Speaker's role to determine whether there is a prima facie case of privilege. After carefully listening to the arguments and reading yesterday's Hansard, the Chair does not find that there is any threat contained in the Premier's comments on VLTs (video lottery terminals). Accordingly, the evidence does not support a prima facie case of privilege. Under Standing Order 15(7), when the Speaker finds there is no prima facie case of privilege, there are no further proceedings on the matter.

## **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)**

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, February 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, January 29, 1998