



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 7

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, February 5, 1998

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

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring an administrative licence suspension which would suspend anyone charged with impaired driving, driving with a blood alcohol content over 0.08 or refusing to provide a breath sample, for 90 days or up to the time of court appearance and disposition, whichever is the shorter period. The suspension would come into effect following a seven day temporary licensing period.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. White, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Fourth Legislature, First Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), April 1997 - December 1997  
Sessional Paper 78/98

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated February 5, 1998, entitled "Albertans urged to become 'ambassadors of kindness' during Random Acts of Kindness Week" with Random Acts of Kindness Week bookmark and postcard

Sessional Paper 79/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Peter Harris offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 80/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Alice V. Payne offering congratulations on her appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 81/98

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

Incident Investigation Report dated September 20, 1997, regarding Nowasco Well Service Ltd. chemical release, Alberta Labour Occupational Health and Safety Investigation File 100221

Sessional Paper 82/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Terra Association information package entitled "Meeting the Challenge of Teen Pregnancy"

Sessional Paper 83/98

Gender lens: a guide to gender-inclusive policy and program development report dated November 1997, by the British Columbia Ministry of Women's Equality

Sessional Paper 84/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report  
1996-97

Sessional Paper 85/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Expense claims relating to committee service allowances, temporary residence allowances, automobile allowances, and personal expense claims

Sessional Paper 86/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Nordegg Area Eco-Tourism Association (NAETA) information statement

Sessional Paper 87/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence allowances, automobile allowances, and personal expense claims

Sessional Paper 88/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Castle report attachment dated December 5, 1997, in response to the request by Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, for advice on the Castle region through the Special Places Provincial Coordinating Committee (PCC) with the committee's recommendations

Sessional Paper 89/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Statement of concern from ten large carnivore biologists to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the high rate of mortality and removal of grizzly bears and wolves from southwestern Alberta

Sessional Paper 90/98

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 15, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Barry Jenkins, President, Federation of Alberta Naturalists, in response to a February 1, 1993 letter regarding Special Places 2000: Alberta Natural Heritage

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## Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement offering congratulations for the appointment of 63 individuals by 44 municipalities to provincial Community Lottery Boards.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's inadequate response to the Maple Leaf Foods hog processing plant's labour dispute, resulting in the loss 950 jobs and provincial financial interests.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement in commemoration of Anne Falk, a long-serving member of the Mennonite Centre Committee (MCC) who assisted numerous immigrants in her many years of work with the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (MCN).

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bonner, Acting 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 9 to February 12, 1998:

Monday, February 9	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b> And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b> And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, February 10	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 15 And as per Order Paper

	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, February 11	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> or <b>Committee of the Whole</b> or <b>Third Reading</b> Following progress on Tuesday, consultation with Opposition will determine Wednesday evening's business And as per Order Paper
Thursday, February 12	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Government Motions</b> Budget Address 4:00 p.m.

### **Speaker's Statement — Flag Day**

The Speaker notified the Members that on Thursday, February 12, 1998, provincial and territorial flags would be installed in the Assembly on a temporary basis initially, and on a permanent basis at a later date. The installation of provincial and territorial flags is in response to the December 10, 1997 Government motion regarding the "Dialogue on Unity" initiative. As well, Members will be receiving flags on their desks in commemoration of Flag Day February 15, 1998.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 5)

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.

During debate, Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, tabled the following:

Memo dated February 5, 1998, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the Minister's meeting with environmental groups

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Debate continued.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debated followed.

Debate adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Monday, February 9, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 5, 1998