



**Legislative Assembly
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, February 17, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 977 constituents requesting funding for a new Catholic school facility in Okotoks.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 18, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ6.

Motions for Returns: MR7, MR11.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Supply and Demand Update on Affordable Housing for Low Income and Special Needs Households, report by the Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing, dated December 11, 1997

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Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Title pages of three Goepel Shields and Partners Inc. reports: Project Al-Pac, Preliminary Report, Alberta Treasury Department, dated July 30, 1997; Project Al-Pac, Report to the Alberta Treasury Department, dated August 18, 1997; and Project Al-Pac, Report to the Alberta Treasury Department, dated August 25, 1997

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Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

32 letters dated November 18, 1997, from the School Council of M.E. Lazerte High School received from parents opposed to any increase in funding for private schools

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Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations:

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 161/98

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association: Report of Proceedings of the Eighty-eighth Annual General Meeting, April 18 and 19, 1997, Crowne Plaza (Chateau Lacombe), Edmonton, Alberta

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Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Tom Reed offering congratulations on winning the 1998 Safeway Select Men's Provincial Curling Championships and offering best wishes at the 1998 Labatt Brier in Winnipeg

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Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Letter dated August 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Jim A. Shepherd, President and Chief Operating Officer, Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., regarding the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project loan purchase criteria

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Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 1998 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction in Calgary and offering congratulations to the award winners: International Mascot Corporation (Premier's Award), Brilyn and Associates (Business Service Award of Distinction), Farlie Worldwide Travel (Marketing Award of Distinction), and Pro-Western Plastics Ltd. (Manufacturing Award of Distinction).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement expressing appreciation for the opportunity for Opposition Members to have access to the Budget'98 lockup and debriefing, and suggesting the creation of a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to diminish the volatility of revenue projections based on oil and natural gas prices.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding a Saturday, February 14, 1998 meeting with a youth group discussing Government programs and policies, including the Employment Standards Review, and the need for Government to improve understanding of labour legislation by youth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. White speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to comply with his March, 1997 election promise that the Government would provide for the election of 2/3 of the members of the Regional Health Authorities by Albertans commencing with the municipal elections in 1998.

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated.
The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Barrett	Gibbons	Olsen
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Soetaert
Dickson	Mitchell	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 45

Amery	Herard	Oberg
Boutilier	Hlady	Paszkowski
Broda	Jacques	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Calahasen	Klapstein	Shariff
Cao	Kryczka	Smith
Cardinal	Laing	Stelmach
Coutts	Langevin	Stevens
Ducharme	Lougheed	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Tannas
Fischer	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	McClellan	Trynchy
Friedel	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Woloshyn
Havelock	O'Neill	Yankowsky

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16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), with Mr. Mitchell speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

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.

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17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:29 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of debate on the motion proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply. The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Boutilier	Haley	Melchin
Burgener	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Oberg
Cao	Herard	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jacques	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Renner
Day	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Langevin	Strang
Evans	Lund	Thurber
Forsyth	Magnus	West
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Pannu	

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund (Advanced Education and Career Development, Education, Family and Social Services, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Treasury) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a certain resolution proposing to establish four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports progress thereon. I am tabling a copy of this resolution, for the official records of the Assembly

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Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table a copy of a resolution agreed to this day by Committee of Supply, amending the proposed membership of one of the subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, for the official records of the Assembly:

On Subcommittee C, that Dr. Nicol be removed and replaced with Mr. Zwozdesky

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The motion as amended read as follows:

Be it resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply be established by the Committee of Supply with the following names:

Subcommittee A
Subcommittee B
Subcommittee C
Subcommittee D

2. The membership of the respective subcommittees be as follows:

Subcommittee A

Gordon (Chair)	Friedel	Massey
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Hierath	Oberg
Bonner	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Pannu
Cardinal	Johnson	Sapers
Ducharme	Lougheed	Zwozdesky
Dunford	Mar	

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	McClellan
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Graham	Olsen
Blakeman	Hancock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Sloan
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Klapstein	Stevens
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	Marz	Strang
Barrett	MacDonald	Thurber
Cao	McFarland	Trynchy
Clegg	Smith	Woloshyn
Evans	Soetaert	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Stelmach	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Herard	Sapers
Amery	Langevin	Shariff
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Pannu	White
Carlson	Paul	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, unless previously designated by the Leader of the Opposition to be considered by the Designated Supply Subcommittees, be referred to the subcommittees for their reports to the Committee of Supply as follows:

Subcommittee A

Advanced Education and Career Development
Education
Provincial Treasurer

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs
Transportation and Utilities

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Labour
Public Works, Supply and Services

Subcommittee D

Economic Development
Energy
Science, Research and Information Technology

4. When the Committee of Supply is called to consider the Main Estimates it shall, on the six (6) calendar days after agreement of the motion establishing the subcommittees, excluding Thursdays designated by the Official Opposition, when Main Estimates are under consideration, resolve itself into two (2) of the four (4) subcommittees, both of which shall meet and report to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion passed this day in Committee of Supply appointing Members to Designated Supply Subcommittees under Standing Order 56(2):

Environmental Protection

Boutilier (Chair)	Ducharme	Pannu
Amery	Gibbons	Strang
Carlson	Langevin	Thurber
Coutts	Magnus	White

Family and Social Services

Laing (Chair)	Johnson	Melchin
Barrett	Kryczka	Olsen
Cao	Leibovici	Shariff
Cardinal	Lougheed	Sloan

Health

Forsyth (Chair)	Doerksen	Pham
Barrett	Fritz	Sapers
Broda	Herard	Sloan
Dickson	Jacques	Tarchuk

Justice and Attorney General

Haley (Chair)	Graham	Olsen
Burgener	Hierath	O'Neill
Dickson	Hlady	Pannu
Friedel	Massey	Stevens

Municipal Affairs

Fischer (Chair)
Barrett
Clegg
Gibbons

Klapstein
MacDonald
Marz
McFarland

Paul
Renner
Severtson
Yankowsky

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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. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 17, 1998