



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Thursday, February 26, 1998

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of the deaths of two former senior public service employees who passed away this week: Mr. A.F. “Chip” Collins, former Deputy Provincial Treasurer; and Mr. Helmut Entrup, Alberta’s first Farmers’ Advocate.

**Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the genuine emergency created by the cancellation of surgeries in the Capital Health Region due to a shortage of hospital resources.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta Forest Legacy: Implementation Framework of Sustainable Forest Management, by Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 237/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the gross operating expense, voted departmental summary

Sessional Paper 238/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the comparison of guarantees and indemnities from 1992-93 to 1997-98, and the comparison of loans and advances from 1992-93 to 1997-98

Sessional Paper 239/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the status on electronic filing of Alberta corporate tax returns

Sessional Paper 240/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the Athabasca Oil Sands (AOS) Trust's obligations concerning Syncrude project clean up costs

Sessional Paper 241/98

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

Fact sheet dated October 1997, entitled "Shut the Door on Private, For-Profit Health Care," by S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 242/98

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

Statutory Declaration form in the matter of the official rated bed capacity schedule, approved changes in hospital rated bed capacity, and the number of beds set up and in service (for utilization by nursing homes to become an auxiliary hospital)

Sessional Paper 243/98

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the passing of W.O. Mitchell (Order of Canada recipient) on Wednesday, February 25, 1998, who captured the Canadian western spirit in his numerous writings and made further literary contributions via his teaching positions.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also conveyed sympathies in commemoration.

## **Oral Question Period**

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

Memorandum dated January 3, 1997, from Peter McNeil, Alberta Treasury, to Mike Neuman regarding the decision not to accrue interest income related to three AI-Pac debentures for 1996-97

Sessional Paper 244/98

## **Royal Assent**

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act
- 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998
- 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act
- 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998
- 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998
- 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998
- 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998
- 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998
- 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding a Calgary celebration February 20, 1998, in recognition of the contribution by the joint federal, provincial, and municipal government infrastructure program which is utilized for several improvements in Calgary's infrastructure.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement as a domestic violence survivor and expressing desire for all-party support for domestic violence legislation to: educate members of the public, install preventative measures, create support programs, and assistance services.

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement in support for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program in which police officers educate children Canada-wide regarding positive alternatives to drug abuse.

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Soetaert, 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 2 to March 5, 1998:

Monday, March 2	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bills 3, 17, 18, 20
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates Days 8 and 9
		Meet in Assembly first, then break-up into:

**Subcommittees**

(A) Education (Assembly)

(B) Intergovernmental and  
Aboriginal Affairs (Room 512,  
Legislature Building)

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 3

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bills 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates Days 10 and 11

Meet in Assembly first,  
then break-up into:

**Subcommittees**

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

(D) Economic Development  
(Room 512, Legislature Building)

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 4

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates Days 12 and 13

Meet in Assembly first,  
then break-up into:

**Subcommittees**

(B) Transportation and Utilities  
(Assembly)

(A) Advanced Education and  
Career Development (Room 512,  
Legislature Building)

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 5

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates Day 14

Education (Designated)

And as per Order Paper

**Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the genuine emergency created by the cancellation of surgeries in the Capital Health Region due to a shortage of hospital resources.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health; Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands; Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader; Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert; and Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places, the Speaker called upon Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 26, 1998