



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, February 18, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

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

Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Investigation Report 98-IR-009, regarding Executive Council, Investigation Number 1473, dated February 18, 1999, with attached news release dated February 18, 1999

Sessional Paper 20/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Presentation to the Lakeland Health Authority by the Staff of Bonnyville Centralized High School, Bonnyville, Alberta, dated January 21, 1999, produced by Mr. Vic Sadlowski, Principal

Sessional Paper 21/99

News release dated September 11, 1998, entitled "Health Minister Announces Lakeland Regional Health Authority Members," with attached backgrounder entitled "Appointments for Lakeland Regional Health Authority (Region 12)"

Sessional Paper 22/99

Report #1: Comments on the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's Deficit Elimination Plan, submitted to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, submitted by George B. Cuff, CMC, George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd.

Sessional Paper 23/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ58 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 1, 1998:

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection and the Department attend between October 1, 1994 and October 31, 1997?

Sessional Paper 24/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Report #1: Comments on the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's Deficit Elimination Plan, submitted to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, submitted by George B. Cuff, CMC, George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd.

Sessional Paper 25/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR67 asked for by Ms Paul on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all agreements and amended agreements signed by the Government between January 1, 1990 and January 26, 1998, pertaining to the WESTAIM Initiative.

Sessional Paper 26/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated January 14, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Dr. David Townsend, Faculty of Education, University of Lethbridge, regarding comments made in the Assembly on November 24, 1998, with respect to funding for a private research project

Sessional Paper 27/99

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to the Editor, Edmonton Journal, regarding an article written by Liane Faulder endorsing the book "Contested Classrooms"

Sessional Paper 28/99

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

Petition signed by 161 senior citizens from the Bonnyville Senior Citizens Society, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding development of a Deficit Elimination Plan by the Lakeland Regional Health Authority and the Bonnyville Health Regional Health Centre, with attached submission dated January 21, 1999, to the Lakeland Regional Health Authority Forum expressing concern regarding the possible loss of either acute care or Community Health Unit services

Sessional Paper 29/99

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Dr. Kathleen Biersdorff, Director (on behalf of the Research Department), VRRRI (Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding financial support for people with disabilities through AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Programs as recently surveyed

Sessional Paper 30/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Alberta Women's Institutes, with a current membership of over 1,300 women working in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to promote local farm safety programs and other community efforts.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, also expressed support for the contribution made by the Alberta Women's Institutes.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, made a statement regarding efforts by the Voluntary Challenge and Registry (VCR) to encourage public and private sector organizations to voluntarily limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as recognized at the Second Annual Council of Champions Leadership Awards Dinner held on Thursday, February 11, 1999, Hull, Quebec.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, Hon. Glen Findley, Minister of Manitoba Highways and Transportation, Hon. Judy Bradley, Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, and Hon. Harry Lali, Minister of British Columbia Transportation and Highways, regarding coordinated efforts to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the grain handling and transportation system with support for recommendations in the Estey Grain Review Report

Sessional Paper 31/99

Letter dated March 10, 1998, from Hon. Judy Bradley, Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, and Eric Upshall, Minister of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, to Mr. Justice Willard Z. Estey, Head, Grain Review Secretariat, with attached submission from the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia to the Federal Grain Review, dated March 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 32/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Calgary Taxi Commission request to Associated Cabs to remove bumper stickers depicting the maple leaf.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, read a letter received from a parent of a Dan Knott Junior High School student expressing concern regarding financial constraints causing a loss of professional staff, student services, and educational supplies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding Team Alberta's 324 athletes and coaches competing at the 1999 Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999, to March 6, 1999.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 22 to February 25, 1999:

Monday, February 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper
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Tuesday, February 23	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Government Motions Easter and Sessional Adjournment Motions (No. 6 and 7) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, February 24	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Supplementary Supply Messages and Government Motions Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 5, 7, 10 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper
Thursday, February 25	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 5, 7, 10 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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.

Ms Carlson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Monday, February 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 18, 1999