



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 11

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

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Thursday, March 4, 1999

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Isidore Goresky, Hon. Member for Whitford, 1930 to 1935, the last surviving member of the United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) Party who passed away on February 22, 1999.

The Speaker also made a statement in recognition of the seven year anniversary of the March 5, 1992 by-election of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow.

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support of children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, the following petition was read and received:

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### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report: April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 146/99

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Report of the Ministerial Task Force, dated March 3, 1999, established following the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Vriend case, with attached Alberta Justice Issues Research: Final Report, produced by Longwoods International, dated December 1998

Sessional Paper 147/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Alcohol Related Birth Defects, produced by Staff Development, Alberta Family and Social Services, with acknowledgements to Donna Debolt and Mary Vanden Brink, dated 1998

Sessional Paper 148/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 4, 1999, entitled "Celebrating Older Women on International Women's Day," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 149/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Sam Gunsch, Managing Director, Edmonton Chapter, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act and industrial development, with attached photographs depicting ecological damage in Fort Assiniboine Wildland Park

Sessional Paper 150/99

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from Peter Lee, Regional Director, Alberta, Endangered Spaces Campaign, World Wildlife Fund Canada, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act which is considered a retrogressive step for the preservation of Alberta's natural heritage and wilderness

Sessional Paper 151/99

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

C.A.R.E. (Communities Against Residential Encroachment) undated fact sheet expressing support for the protection of residents, homes and businesses located in the communities of Terrace Heights and Ottewell from the City of Edmonton's proposal to establish an inner ring road through the city as outlined in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Sessional Paper 152/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated January 21, 1999, from J. Brock Dundas, M.D., President, Calgary Regional Medical Staff Association (CRMSA), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, describing concerns of the CRMSA regarding problems with health care delivery in the region, and expressing support for the adoption of recommendations of the Report of the Health System Review Commission

Sessional Paper 153/99

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding Edmonton's hosting and the contribution of volunteers to the 1999 Labatt Brier held March 6-14, 1999, with the winners representing Canada at the Ford World Curling Championship, and offering congratulations and best wishes to Team Alberta competitors led by skip Ken Hunka.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the SOS (Save Our Schools) petition campaign requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs, and their inability to have the petition read and received in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 80.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing the award winning design by Mr. Lonnie Springer, constituent, creating a Royal Canadian Mint's Millennium coin series design depicting three petroglyphs from those at Writing-on-the-Stone Provincial Park on the February 1999 coin.

## 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 8 to March 11, 1999:

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| Monday, March 8  | Aft.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Second Reading</b><br>Bills 6, 8, 11, 14, 12, 15<br>And as per Order Paper<br><b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b> (Day 10)<br><b>Government Motions</b><br>Government Motion 14<br>And as per Order Paper |
|                  | Eve.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bills 4, 9, 10, 6, 7, 8, 11<br>And as per Order Paper   |
| Tuesday, March 9 | (4:30) | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Second Reading</b><br>Bills 12, 15<br>And as per Order Paper  |
|                  | Eve.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Second Reading</b><br>As per Order Paper<br>based on progress Monday<br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>As per Order Paper<br>based on progress Monday<br>And as per Order Paper   |

Wednesday, March 10	Eve.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>As per Order Paper based on progress Tuesday</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>As per Order Paper based on progress Tuesday</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p>
Thursday, March 11	Aft.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Budget Address</b></p> <p>Assembly to recess after Routine until 4:00 p.m. when the Provincial Treasurer will present Budget Address</p>

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 9)

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.

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

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

## **Second Reading**

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

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

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

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Second time, because the Supreme Court of Canada has not yet rendered its decision in the case *The Attorney General for Ontario v. M. and H.* and this decision should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 4, 1999