



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, March 11, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the two year anniversary of 26 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

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

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Manitoba Government news release dated March 3, 1999, entitled "Discussion Paper Released, Consultations Planned on Protection of Private Sector Personal Information"

Sessional Paper 196/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

59 letters dated March 10, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to medal winning Alberta athletes competing at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999

Sessional Paper 197/99

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

Our Voice: The Spare Change Magazine, volume 6, issue number 3, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 198/99

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 18, 1998, from Janet Cook, President, The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding a motion passed at the Provincial Catholic Women's League Convention held June 1998 to eliminate child poverty and to build affordable quality houses, and requesting a meeting with the Minister

Sessional Paper 199/99

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Janet Cook, President, The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the elimination of child poverty and the building of affordable quality houses, and requesting a reply to an earlier request for a meeting with the Minister

Sessional Paper 200/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Written responses to questions on the Achievement Bonus raised in Supplemental Estimates, Committee of Supply debate on February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 201/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Mannville and District Health Services Foundation Public Meeting Resolution passed unanimously at the public meeting on January 26, 1999, requesting the reinstatement of health services at the Mannville Health Care Centre to pre-January 1, 1998 levels

Sessional Paper 202/99

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Diane Kozak, Registered Nurse, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 203/99

Letter dated February 24, 1999, from Jack Ewanchuk, President, Vilna Seniors Centre, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 204/99

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Faye Pryekop, Activities Convenor, Our Lady's Health Centre, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 205/99

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Program in Honor of His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, March 11, 1999, held at the Ramada Inn, Edmonton, sponsored by the Edmonton Evangelical Ministerial Association

Sessional Paper 206/99

Fact sheet entitled "A New Administrator for Co-op Housing Programs," produced by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

Sessional Paper 207/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Fax dated February 17, 1999, from Peter J. Vermeulen, University of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 208/99

E-mail message dated January 27, 1999, from Al Brawn to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the preservation of the Willmore Wilderness Park and the need to protect the area from industrial development

Sessional Paper 209/99

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Margaret and Curtis Shell, parents of three Steinhauer Elementary School students, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding for public education

Sessional Paper 210/99

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Alberta Co-operatives, presentation by the Co-operative Council of Alberta to the Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly and the Members of Parliament (Alberta), dated March 10, 1999

Sessional Paper 211/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report entitled "Watering Down the Milk: Women Coping on Alberta's Minimum Wage," produced by the Calgary Status of Women Action Committee, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 212/99

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

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the long term testing of treated and untreated pine shakes, requesting the tabling of documents and in particular the report "Long-term testing of treated and untreated pine shingles"

Sessional Paper 213/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Mieke Meijer-Wharton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the extension of equal rights and privileges to gay and lesbian Canadian citizens, with attached e-mail message dated March 9, 1999, from Marie Walker also expressing support for equal rights for gay and lesbian citizens

Sessional Paper 214/99

Letter dated February 23, 1999, from Pytor Hodgson, Executive Director, Alberta Youth in Care and Custody Network, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial Districts of Calgary, case AD01-26336 relating to two families who are seeking equal protection and benefits under the law, with attached report entitled "We Speak: Lesbian and Gay Fostering in Alberta," submitted to Don Fleming, Deputy Minister, Alberta Family and Social Services, written by Travis Sievwright, dated April 1997

Sessional Paper 215/99

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 1998 and the 1998 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 216/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement in recognition of Neil O'Neil, who passed away on February 22, 1999, his contribution to education as a teacher at Willow Creek Composite High, Claresholm, and his writing as evidenced in his published poem "Where the Buffalo Trod" which was read to the Members.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act due to the lack of environmental protection offered for wilderness areas from resource extraction and industrial activity.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement of apology regarding an inappropriate comment in the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 8, 1999, and the need to respect multicultural diversity within society.

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 15 to March 18, 1999:

Monday, March 15	Aft.	- Introduction of Bills
		Bill 19
		Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Designated Supply
		Subcommittees - establishment and membership
		Supply Subcommittees (ABCD) - establishment and membership
		Government Motions
		Government Motion 18 - Opposition Leader responds to Budget
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 16, 17
		And as per Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
 Bills 6, 14
Second Reading
 Bills 16, 17
Committee of Supply
 (if not done in the afternoon)
 Supply Subcommittees (ABCD) -
 establishment and membership
 And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, March 16 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 19
Committee of Supply
 Community Development
 (Main Estimates - if not
 Designated for Thursday)
Third Reading
 Bills 2, 3, 5, 7
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 (A) Executive Council
 (Assembly)
 (Day 1, Main Estimates)
 (B) Intergovernmental and
 Aboriginal Affairs (Room 512,
 Legislature Building)
 (Day 2, Main Estimates)
Second Reading
 Bill 19 (if not finished
 in the afternoon)
 And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 17 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
(C) Labour (Assembly)
(Day 3, Main Estimates)
(D) Energy (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 4, Main Estimates)
Committee of the Whole
Bill 19
And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 18 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday
(Day 5, Main Estimates)
Third Reading
Bill 19

Temporary Recess

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly recessed at 2:54 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999 — 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1999-2000 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then tabled a copy of Budget '99, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13, and the Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act, cB-0.5, s7:

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| Budget '99: The Right Balance, pamphlet | Sessional Paper 217/99 |
| Budget '99: The Right Balance, budget overview news release, dated March 11, 1999 | Sessional Paper 218/99 |
| Budget '99: The Right Balance, budget speech presented March 11, 1999 | Sessional Paper 219/99 |
| Budget '99: The Right Balance, Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan | Sessional Paper 220/99 |
| Budget '99: The Right Balance, Government and Ministry Business Plans | Sessional Paper 221/99 |

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 222/99

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 223/99

18. 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. Dickson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 11, 1999