



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 23, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 5,459 Calgary and area residents regarding the preservation of the Paskapoo slopes from housing development.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Edmonton residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 28 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to determine legally whether taxpayers must pay for Stockwell Day's legal bills.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to seek the Assembly's unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) in order to move Government Motion 14 at the appropriate time after the Daily Routine.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1999-2000
Sessional Paper 53/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Document, undated, entitled "Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visits in Year 2000"
Sessional Paper 54/2001

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2000
Sessional Paper 55/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 23, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Krishan C. Joshee, C.M., Chairman, Wild Rose Foundation, expressing appreciation to the Wild Rose Foundation Board and its staff for their hard work and commitment to Alberta's volunteer sector
Sessional Paper 56/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 57/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Heather Tarkowski of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park
Sessional Paper 58/2001

Letter, undated, from Carrie Trueman of Drayton Valley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park
Sessional Paper 59/2001

Letter dated February 19, 2001, from Linda Lachance of Condor, with an attached letter from Mrs. Lachance's grandchildren to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding industrial activity in the Bighorn area

Sessional Paper 60/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 1, 2001, from Gabe Viveiros, Chairman, Integra Board of Directors, to the Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools, expressing their support for keeping John A. McDougall school open as an elementary/junior high school

Sessional Paper 61/2001

Letter dated January 2, 2001, from Elder Advocates of Alberta to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, requesting the consideration for Persons in Care Act and the Dependent Adults Act

Sessional Paper 62/2001

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Edmonton Journal article dated March 31, 2001, entitled "Inland applauds fuel ruling" regarding Inland Cement's proposed conversion from burning natural gas to burning coal

Sessional Paper 63/2001

4 letters from Marlene Nelson, Principal, École Banff Trail School, Calgary; Reva Love, Principal, Colonel Walker School, Calgary; Terri Franks, Principal, Rosemont School, Calgary; Jan Reichert, Principal, Colonel MacLeod School, Calgary to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and 1 letter from Lise Mayne, Principal, École King George School, Calgary to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, all expressing concerns regarding the teaching and learning conditions associated with large classes in elementary schools

Sessional Paper 64/2001

Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Dr. Joseph Shoctor, C.M., Q.C., who passed away on April 19, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Volunteer Week, April 22-28, 2001, and the United Nations Year of Volunteers

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 22-28, 2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Canada Book Day, April 23, 2001, and the book "Clear Answers: the Economics and Politics of For-Profit Medicine", written by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview and Gillian Steward

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: National Volunteer Week, April 22-28, 2001, Volunteer Alberta and the Wild Rose Foundation

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 60th anniversary of Canada's Air Cadet Program

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) in order to move Government Motion 14 outlining the proposed amendments to Standing Orders.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that to give effect to the April 10, 2001 House Leaders' Agreement, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows:

1(1) Standing Order 7 is amended

(a) in suborder (1)

(i) by adding "O Canada (first sitting day of each week)" on the line preceding "Introduction of Visitors",

(ii) by adding "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" on the line following "Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes";

(b) in suborder (4) by striking out "three" and substituting "four";

(c) by adding the following after suborder (5):

(6) When Recognitions are called on Mondays and Wednesdays, up to seven members other than members of Executive Council may make a one-minute statement of congratulations or recognition, which is not debatable,

(2) Standing Order 49(2)(g) is amended by striking out "nine" and substituting "eleven".

(3) Standing Order 80 is amended by adding "directly" before "prays".

(4) Standing Order 83.1(2) is amended by adding "in order to be" before "read and received".

(5) Standing Order 114(2) is amended by striking out "February 14, 1995" and substituting "April 23, 2001".

And, in accordance with the April 10, 2001 House Leaders' Agreement, be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments to the Standing Orders not be effective past the dissolution of the 25th Legislature:

- 2(1) Standing Order 56(2) - (8) shall be of no force or effect.**
 - (2) Standing Order 57(1) - (6) shall be of no force or effect.**
 - (3) Standing Order 58(4) shall be of no force or effect and the following is substituted:**
 - (4) The Official Opposition House Leader may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day following the Budget Address, designate five departments' estimates to be considered by the committee.**
 - (4) Standing Order 58(7) shall be of no force or effect.**
- 3 The amendments to the Standing Orders in sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on Monday, April 23, 2001.**

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, 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. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 23, 2001