



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 25, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Be it further resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Residential Care Housing Committee Act — Ms Kryczka

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Persons With Developmental Disabilities 1999-2000, Annual Report
Sessional Paper 65/2001

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Letter dated April 24, 2001, from Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, setting out the departments designated by the Official Opposition for Committee of Supply consideration
Sessional Paper 66/2001

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

Globe and Mail article dated April 24, 2001, entitled "A police state in the making" prepared by Sinclair Stevens, former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion

Sessional Paper 67/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 9, 2001, from Simon Wroot, Chair of the Board, Alberta Craft Council, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, requesting that new funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts be made a top priority

Sessional Paper 68/2001

Graph, undated, entitled "Income Tax Savings for Singles Under 65" prepared by Bill Daly

Sessional Paper 69/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

155 letters from Canadian residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Castle wilderness area as a wilderness park

Sessional Paper 70/2001

Letter dated March 9, 2001, from Nancy MacBeth, Leader, Alberta Liberal Party, to members and supporters of the Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition, regarding development in the Castle Crown wilderness area

Sessional Paper 71/2001

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Document dated April 24, 2001, setting out names and addresses of 22 electricity companies in Alberta available to sell electricity to all Alberta users

Sessional Paper 72/2001

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding his campaign workers in the recent provincial election.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Bruno Engler who recently passed away.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2001.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks on winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League championship.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —
Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

At 3:29 p.m. the Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the learning of a second language a compulsory component of a high school diploma by the year 2006, and to increase the opportunities for Alberta students to participate in national and international student exchange programs with a second language component.

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Temporary Recess

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001 — 4:30 P.M.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Government Motions

6. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-2002 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

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 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2000-01 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 73/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Fund Trust Act, cA-27.01, s15(2), s16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Third Quarter Update, 2000-01 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 74/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 75/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2000-01 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2)

Sessional Paper 76/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, c5-5, s3, s4:

2001-02 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

Sessional Paper 77/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, c5-5, s3, s4:

2001-02 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates

Sessional Paper 78/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-.5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2001 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 79/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-.5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2001 Business Plans

Sessional Paper 80/2001

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Dr. Nicol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 3)

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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw the notice of motion provided earlier today (designated as Government Motion 16) and substitute it with the following notice of motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess each sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) to consider Government Motion 16.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess each sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 24, 2001