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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 54 Edmonton residents requesting the Government to increase funding to school boards.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 500 Albertans requesting that the Government of Alberta provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children and financial assistance to parents for costs associated with the special dietary requirements of their children.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children under the Alberta Health Care Plan and provide financial assistance to parents to enable them to meet their children's necessary dietary requirements and cover costs incurred in travelling to Diabetes Education and Treatment Centres outside their own communities in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 219 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Mr. Danyluk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 445/2001

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 446/2001

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 447/2001

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

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 448/2001

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ1 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 449/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 450/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Bill Meade, Chief Executive Officer, Ma'mōwe Capital Region Child and Family Services, outlining reasons for the closure of Crossroads House

Sessional Paper 451/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Alberta Dental Association, 2000 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 452/2001

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2000 Radiation Protection Program Annual Report

Sessional Paper 453/2001

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2001, with attached financial statements of the College of Chiropractors of Alberta dated March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 454/2001

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 455/2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Report entitled "Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2000-2001 Year in Review" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 456/2001

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

Budget 2001, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 457/2001

Budget 2001, Second Quarter Activity Report, 2001-02

Sessional Paper 458/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-3.5, s3.1(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 459/2001

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 460/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 461/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2000 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 462/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2000-2001
Sessional Paper 463/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated October 3, 2001, from Jean Thorburn of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding increasing rent rates

Sessional Paper 464/2001

Letter dated September 7, 2001, from James Patrick Cribben of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding increasing rent rates due to high utility costs, and requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 465/2001

Petition signed by 74 Edmonton residents requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 466/2001

Letter dated October 30, 2001, from Bernard (no surname) of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 467/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated November 20, 2001, from Ed and Sherry Horvath of Warburg to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, intensive livestock operations in Alberta

Sessional Paper 468/2001

15 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 469/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 470/2001

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

Letter dated November 13, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of October 25, 2001, requesting information on the Regulated Rate Option for 2002

Sessional Paper 471/2001

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 472/2001

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 473/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 16, 2001, from Richard Ouellet, a senior manager at Ma'mōwe Capital Region Children's Services Authority, listing 21 children's services delivery agencies whose contracts are being terminated and 5 agencies whose contracts will see reductions

Sessional Paper 474/2001

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

Document, undated, untitled, showing an implementation schedule for the business tax plan for the years 2000 to 2004

Sessional Paper 475/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 476/2001

Recognitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Ukrainian Shumka Dancers on creating a professional touring component within their organization

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Capital Health Region on receiving the highest accreditation status possible by the Canadian Council on Health Services

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Mary Griffith and Tom Marlang of the Pembina Institute, for their research on the detrimental environmental effects of coal-generated electricity

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Shereen Ziegler, on being crowned Miss Rodeo Canada 2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Pamela Paul Endowment Fund for the prevention of family violence

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: dedicated teachers across Alberta and their commitment to children

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Mai Ponath, who passed away on September 26, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Mason:

Of the \$690 million the Government receives annually for health care premiums, what portion is paid by Government and Government-funded agencies such as school boards, universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, regional children's authorities, and other Government boards and agencies on behalf of their employees?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ7.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR14. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the April 30, 1997 document entitled "Advice to the Provincial Treasurer re. Alberta Treasury Branches" as prepared by Alberta Treasury.

MR15. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the nine-page document sent by the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the Provincial Treasurer on December 23, 1997 relating to a change in status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR16. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the memorandum and supporting documents entitled "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) Options" sent by the Deputy Provincial Treasurer to the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches on December 16, 1997.

MR17. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the document entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: Alternative Business Outcomes" prepared by Alberta Treasury on December 22, 1997.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR18.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —
Mr. Lougheed

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, on November 20, 2001, that Bill 207 be amended as follows:

- A The title is amended by striking out “Deductions” and substituting “Credit”.
- B Section 2 is amended by striking out the proposed section 10.1(2) and substituting the following:

(2) For the purpose of computing the tax payable under this Act for a taxation year by an individual, if the individual is employed as a tradesperson and, as a condition of the individual’s employment was required to provide tools for a period of the year, there may be deducted an amount determined by the formula

$$A \times (B - \$500)$$

where

- A is the specified percentage for the year;
- B is an amount of not more than \$5 000 that is equal to the tradesperson’s total expenditure for the purchase, maintenance, rental or insurance of the tools that are proven by filing receipts for the expenditures with the Provincial Treasurer that were not included in determining an amount under this section for a preceding taxation year and that were paid by the tradesperson.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 42

Blakeman	Goudreau	Marz
Boutilier	Hancock	Maskell
Calahasen	Hlady	Mason
Cao	Horner	Massey
Cardinal	Hutton	Oberg
Cenaiko	Jablonski	O'Neill
Coutts	Jonson	Ouellette
Danyluk	Klapstein	Pham
DeLong	Knight	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lord	Strang
Fischer	Lougheed	Taft
Fritz	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Gordon	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the amendment: 7

Amery	Herard	Nelson
Graydon	Melchin	Vandermeer
Haley		

The question was put that Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Gordon	Mason
Boutilier	Hancock	Massey
Calahasen	Hlady	Nicol
Cao	Hutton	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Klapstein	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	VanderBurg
Fritz	Maskell	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	Haley	Nelson
DeLong	Herard	Taft
Graydon	Magnus	Vandermeer

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —
Mr. Lougheed

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Mr. Klapstein, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 207 (introduced by Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster on November 20, 2001) — Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 477/2001

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates: General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 478/2001

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates 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.

19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Tarchuk (Chair)	Friedel	Pannu
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Graham	Taft
Blakeman	O'Neill	Tannas

for the purpose of inviting applications for the positions of Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicants it considers most suitable for appointment to those positions.

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

1 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:

4(1) If at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m.

(2) If at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the committee shall rise and report immediately.

(3) If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned until the next sitting day.

(4) If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the Chairman leaves the Chair until 8:00 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the next sitting day.

(5) At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday the Speaker adjourns the Assembly, without question put, until Monday.

2 Standing Order 5 is amended by adding the following after suborder (1):

(1.1) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the division bells shall be sounded for one minute and if a quorum is then not present, the Speaker may declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

3 Standing Order 7 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

7(1) The ordinary daily routine business in the Assembly shall be as follows:

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)
Introduction of Visitors
Introduction of Guests
Ministerial Statements
Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes
Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)
Members' Statements (Tuesday and Thursday)
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees
Presenting Petitions
Notices of Motions
Introduction of Bills
Tabling Returns and Reports
Projected Government Business (Thursday)

4 Standing Order 8 is amended

- (a) **by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:**

8(1) On Monday afternoon, after the daily routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Written Questions
Motions for Returns
Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders

- (2) On Monday evening, from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Motions other than Government Motions

- (3) On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, on Monday evening commencing at 9 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Government Motions
Government Bills and Orders
Private Bills

- (b) **in suborder (4) by striking out “55 minutes of debate” and substituting “60 minutes of debate and 5 minutes for the mover of the motion to close debate.”**

- (c) **by adding the following after suborder (4):**

(4.1) Before the mover closes debate on a motion under suborder (4), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that provides for the motion under consideration to be moved to the bottom of that item of business on the Order Paper.

(d) by striking out suborder (6) and substituting the following:

(6) Before the mover of a motion for second or third reading of a Public Bill other than a Government Bill closes debate, or the time limit is reached for consideration at Committee of the Whole under suborder (5)(a)(ii), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that the votes necessary to conclude consideration at that stage be postponed for 10 sitting days or the first opportunity after that for the consideration of the Bill, unless there are other Bills awaiting consideration at that stage in which case the Bill will be called after the Bills at that stage have been considered.

5 Standing Order 18 is amended

(a) in suborder 1(h) by adding “, except as provided under Standing Order 49” after “committee”;

(b) by adding the following after suborder (2):

(3) In this Standing Order, “adjournment motion” includes daily adjournment motions and any motion to adjourn the proceedings of the Assembly for a specified or unspecified period.

6 Standing Order 20 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

20(1) In a debate on a motion, if a member moves an amendment, that member may only speak to the amendment and the main question in one speech.

7 Standing Order 21 is struck out and the following is substituted:

21(1) A member of the Executive Council may, on at least one day’s notice, propose a motion for the purpose of allotting a specified number of hours for consideration and disposal of proceedings on a Government motion or a Government Bill and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment except as provided in suborder (3).

(2) A motion under suborder (1)

(a) that applies to a Government Bill shall only refer to one stage of consideration for the Bill;

(b) shall only apply when the Bill or motion that is the subject of the time allocation motion has already been debated in the Assembly or been considered in Committee of the Whole.

(3) A member of the Executive Council may outline the reasons for the motion under suborder (1) and a member of the Official Opposition may respond but neither speech may exceed 5 minutes.

8 Standing Order 23 is amended by striking out clause (g) and substituting the following:

(g) refers to any matter pending in a court or before a judge for judicial determination

(i) of a criminal nature from the time charges have been laid until passing of sentence, including any appeals and the expiry of appeal periods from the time of judgment, or

(ii) of a civil nature that has been set down for a trial or notice of motion filed, as in an injunction proceeding, until judgment or from the date of filing a notice of appeal until judgment by an appellate court,

where there is probability of prejudice to any party but where there is any doubt as to prejudice, the rule should be in favour of the debate;

9 Standing Order 29 is struck out and the following is substituted:

29(1) Time limits on speaking in debate in the Assembly on Government motions, Government Bills and orders and private Bills shall be as follows:

(a) (i) the Premier,

(ii) the Leader of the Official Opposition, and

(iii) the mover on the occasion of the Budget Address

shall be limited to 90 minutes' speaking time;

(b) the mover in debate on a resolution or on a Bill shall be limited to 20 minutes' speaking time in opening debate and 15 minutes in closing debate;

(c) the member who speaks immediately following the mover in debate on a resolution or on a Bill shall be limited to 20 minutes;

(d) except as provided in clauses (a) to (c), no member shall speak for longer than 15 minutes in debate.

(2) (a) Subject to clause (b), following each speech on the items in debate referred to in suborder (1), a period not exceeding 5 minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses to each member's questions and comments;

(b) the 5 minute question and comment period referred to in clause (a) is not available following the speech from

(i) the mover of the resolution or the Bill in opening or closing debate, and

(ii) the member who speaks immediately after the mover.

(3) Time limits on speaking in debate on motions other than Government motions, public Bills and orders other than Government Bills and orders, written questions and motions for returns shall be as follows:

(a) the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition shall be limited to 20 minutes' speaking time;

(b) the mover in debate of a resolution or a Bill shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time and 5 minutes to close debate;

(c) all other members shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time in debate.

10 Standing Order 30(4) is amended in clause (a) by adding "the debate proceeds and" before "the Speaker".

11 Standing Order 32 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):

(2.1) When a division is called in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply, a member may request unanimous consent to waive suborder (2) to shorten the 10 minute interval between division bells.

12 Standing Order 34 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):

(2.1) Amendments to written questions and motions for returns must

(a) be approved by Parliamentary Counsel on the sitting day preceding the day the amendment is moved, and

(b) be provided to the mover of the written question or motion for a return no later than 11 a.m. on the day the amendment is to be moved.

13 Standing Order 37 is amended by adding the following after suborder (3):

(4) For the purposes of this Standing Order and Standing Order 37.1, a tabling must be in paper form.

14 The following is added after Standing Order 37:

37.1(1) Documents may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 11 a.m. any day the Assembly sits.

(2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) that is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when Tabling Returns and Reports is called in the daily routine.

15 Standing Order 39.1 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 39.2 and adding the following before Standing Order 39.2:

39.1(1) The sequence of motions other than Government motions shall be determined by a random draw of names of members who have submitted written notice to the Clerk no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the motions are expected to be moved.

(3) Prior to a motion other than a Government motion being moved, members may switch the positions in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

(4) A member who has a motion other than a Government motion on the Order Paper may, upon providing 4 sitting days' notice, withdraw the motion before it is to be moved in the Assembly.

(5) When a motion is withdrawn under suborder (4), the Order Paper shall indicate "withdrawn" next to the motion number.

16 Standing Order 48 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 48(1) and by adding the following after suborder (1):

(2) Dissolution has the effect of nullifying an order or address of the Assembly for returns or papers.

17 The following is added after Standing Order 48:

48.1 A member of the Executive Council may, on one day's notice, move a motion to reinstate a Government Bill from a previous session of the current Legislature to the same stage that the Bill stood at the time of prorogation and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

18 Standing Order 49 is struck out and the following is substituted:

49(1) At the commencement of each session, standing committees of the Assembly must be established for the following purposes:

- (a) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, consisting of 21 members,
- (b) Public Accounts, consisting of 17 members,
- (c) Private Bills, consisting of 21 members,
- (d) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, consisting of 9 members,
- (e) Legislative Offices, consisting of 11 members.

(2) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, the Assembly must establish the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services consisting of 11 members.

(3) The Assembly must determine the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order by resolution which shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

(4) The composition of the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order must be proportionate to the number of seats held by each party in the Assembly.

(5) The proportionate membership of committees as prescribed under suborder (4) may be varied by an agreement among all House Leaders.

(6) The Clerk of the Assembly shall post in the Legislature Building lists of members of the several standing and special committees appointed during each session.

19 Standing Order 52 is struck out and the following is substituted:

52 The Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund shall report to the Assembly on the Fund as prescribed in the *Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act*.

- 20 Standing Order 56 is amended by striking out suborders (2) to (8).**
- 21 Standing Order 57 is amended by striking out suborders (1) to (6).**
- 22 Standing Order 58 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

58(1) In this Standing Order, “sitting day” means any afternoon or evening that the Committee of Supply considers estimates for not less than 2 hours unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(2) The number of sitting days that the Committee of Supply is called to consider the main estimates shall equal the number of members of the Executive Council with portfolio.

(3) The Committee of Supply shall consider estimates in the following manner:

(a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, and members of the opposition may speak during the first hour, and

(b) any member may speak thereafter.

(4) Subject to suborder (5), the vote on an estimate before the Committee of Supply shall be called after it has received not less than 2 hours of consideration unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(5) On Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, during the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall be called immediately after Orders of the Day are called and shall rise and report no later than 5:15 p.m.

(6) The Leader of the Official Opposition may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to noon on the day following the Budget Address, designate which department’s estimates are to be considered by the Committee of Supply on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the period in which the main estimates are to be considered by Committee of Supply.

(7) When the Leader of the Official Opposition fails to provide notice in accordance with suborder (5), the Government House Leader shall designate the department for consideration by Committee of Supply for that afternoon.

(8) The estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature shall be the first item called in the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates and the Chairman shall put the question to approve the estimates forthwith which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(9) In respect of the supplementary estimates and interim supply estimates, a member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day's notice, make a motion to determine the number of days that the Committee of Supply may be called, and the question shall be decided without debate or amendment.

23 Standing Order 59 is amended

(a) in suborder (1)

(i) by striking out "Monday," and

(ii) by striking out "midnight" and substituting "11 p.m.";

(b) by striking out suborder (2).

24 Standing Order 60 is struck out and the following is substituted:

60 Committees of the whole Assembly shall rise and report prior to the time of adjournment.

25 The following is added after Standing Order 68:

68.1(1) The sequence of Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders shall be determined by a random draw of the names of members who have submitted written notice to Parliamentary Counsel no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the Bills are expected to be introduced.

(3) Members may switch their positions in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

26 Standing Order 83 is amended

(a) in suborder (2) by striking out "received, shall be read by the Clerk if the member so requests" and substituting "presented during the daily routine";

(b) by adding the following after suborder (2):

(3) Petitions must be submitted for approval by Parliamentary Counsel at least one sitting day prior to the petition being presented in the Assembly.

27 Standing Order 83.1 is amended

(a) in suborders (1) and (2) by striking out “read and received” and substituting “presented”;

(b) by striking out suborder (3).

28 Standing Order 102 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 102(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):

(2) The Clerk shall be responsible for the printing of the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals of the Assembly.

29 Standing Order 109 is struck out and the following is substituted:

109 The Speaker shall, after the end of the fiscal year, prepare an annual report on the Legislative Assembly Office and lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

30 Standing Order 114 is amended by striking out suborder (2).

31 This motion supersedes the House Leader Agreement for the 25th Legislature dated April 10, 2001.

32 This motion comes into force on the first day of the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a point of order requesting that Government Motion 21 be divided. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, responded to the point of order.

The Speaker ruled that Government Motion 21 will be debated as one motion, and will be divided into three separate parts, as follows, for the purposes of voting:

Part 1: Sections 1, 3, 4, 26, 27

Part 2: Sections 20, 21, 22, 23

Part 3: Sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, moved on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, that the motion be amended by striking out section 7.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 22, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 21, 2001