



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 33

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, November 26, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,273 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,243 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated November 26, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Wally Buono, Coach and General Manager, Calgary Stampeders, congratulating the organization on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup on November 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 501/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-4.06, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, 2000-2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 502/2001

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concerns regarding the negative impact of the softwood lumber disputes between Canada and the United States

Sessional Paper 503/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 504/2001

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised on May 24, 2001, Department of Environment, 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 505/2001

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

Booklet entitled "X-treme Safety, survival tips for rookies in the workplace" prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 506/2001

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

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 507/2001

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

108 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 508/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 7, 2001, from Jeanette O'Brien of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the status of education in Alberta, the teachers' pension plan, and inadequate funding for education

Sessional Paper 509/2001

E-mail message dated September 24, 2001, from Carol Marcellus to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the under-funding of education and teachers' pensions and recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding rising health care costs

Sessional Paper 510/2001

E-mail message from Arlene Sittler of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the Government's lack of understanding of conditions in Alberta classrooms

Sessional Paper 511/2001

Letter dated October 22, 2001, from Steve Baba of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting information on the process for applying for Special Needs Assistance for Seniors' benefits and the length of time it takes to process an application

Sessional Paper 512/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 22, 2001, from Marcel Tremblay of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the Government's and the public's disdain toward the teaching profession

Sessional Paper 513/2001

Letter dated September 26, 2001, from Penni Kiss of Raymond to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the retention of teachers in Alberta and teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 514/2001

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

Report dated November 26, 2001, entitled "Parent Fundraising Survey" prepared by the Liberal Official Opposition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 515/2001

40 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 516/2001

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

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 517/2001

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

Letter dated November 19, 2001, from Heather Fraser of Calgary to all MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly), expressing concerns regarding budget cutbacks to child and family services

Sessional Paper 518/2001

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

Backgrounder document dated September 13, 2001, entitled "Teacher Compensation" prepared by the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

Sessional Paper 519/2001

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Report dated April 2001, entitled "Post-Secondary Accessibility Study" prepared by the Ipsos-Reid Corporation

Sessional Paper 520/2001

Recognitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Calgary Stampeders on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup, November 25, 2001

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: the Crystal Kids at the Gordon Russell Youth Centre in Edmonton

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton Viets Association

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Dr. Fawzi Morcos on the occasion of his retirement

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Cam Tait of the Edmonton Journal

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Old Strathcona Youth Co-op

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

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.

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(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:

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Members' Statements (Tuesday and Thursday)
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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:

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(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:

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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.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by striking out section 8.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended in section 18, in the proposed Standing Order 49(1), by adding the following after clause (e):

- (f) Justice and Government Services, consisting of 11 members,
- (g) Learning and Employment, consisting of 11 members,
- (h) Energy and Sustainable Development, consisting of 11 members,
- (i) Agriculture and Municipal Affairs, consisting of 11 members,
- (j) Health and Community Living, consisting of 11 members, and
- (k) Economic Development and Finance, consisting of 11 members.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended in section 18 by adding the following after the proposed order 49(1)(e):

- (f) Law and Regulations, consisting of 21 members.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing for discussion and that the Committee be instructed to report to the Assembly no later than 15 sitting days into the spring session in 2002.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Blakeman	Massey	Pannu
MacDonald	Nicol	Taft

Against the amendment: 39

Abbott	Hutton	McFarland
Ady	Jablonski	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Johnson	Ouellette
Coutts	Jonson	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Klapstein	Renner
DeLong	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lord	Stelmach
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Haley	Lund	Taylor
Hancock	Maskell	VanderBurg
Hlady	Masyk	Vandermeer
Horner	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:44 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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(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.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put on sections 1, 3, 4, 26, and 27, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Jablonski	Ouellette
Ady	Jonson	Rathgeber
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lougheed	Stelmach
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Ducharme	Lund	Strang
Evans	Masyk	Tannas
Forsyth	McClellan	Tarchuk
Fritz	McClelland	Taylor
Hlady	McFarland	Vandermeer
Horner	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hutton		

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Nicol
Bonner	Massey	

The question being put on sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, the motion was agreed to.

The question being put on sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, the motion was agreed to.

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 521/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 522/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 523/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 524/2001

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 9:56 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 26, 2001