



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, March 4, 2002

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Dr. Andries Botha of Grimshaw for his community involvement

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Preston Manning on his retirement from Canadian politics

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Jarome Iginla and Ken Trainberg both of St. Albert, medal winners at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Annual India Day celebration, February 3, 2002, sponsored by the Council of India Societies

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Carter Rycroft of Grande Prairie, medal winner at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Tom Charbonneau and Lawrence Lathe, operators of the Keep It Simple Club restaurant, who provide rental facilities for addiction recovery programs

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Hana Kadri, Mary Fares, and Anees Amr, Almadina Charter School students, for calling 9-1-1 to report that their school bus driver appeared to be impaired

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation, 2000 Annual Review, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming

Sessional Paper 32/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document, undated, entitled "Essay Writing Contest" containing the essays of first prize winners Manoj Kumar Saraswat and Vishesh Kumar of Old Scona Academic High School, second prize winner Angela Sharma of J. Percy Page High School, and third prize winner Anuj Saraswat of Old Scona Academic High School

Sessional Paper 33/2002

Petition signed by 4,549 Albertans requesting the Government stop the pursuit of the proposed forest management agreement for the Kananaskis, Ghost/Waiparious and Burnt Timber forests

Sessional Paper 34/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 19, 2002, from Janice Paproski, B.Sc., B.Ed., to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding classroom conditions and the lack of funding for schools

Sessional Paper 35/2002

E-mail message dated February 14, 2002, from Dallas Becker of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the Government's role in the teachers' strike and funding cuts to Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 36/2002

Letter dated February 18, 2002, from Janet E. Thomas of Edmonton to Neil Wilkinson, Chairman, Capital Health Authority, expressing concerns regarding the poor treatment her father received at the University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 37/2002

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

Program from the International Human Rights Day ceremony that took place on December 10, 2001 at Edmonton City Hall

Sessional Paper 38/2002

Reasons for Judgement of the Honourable Chief Justice Allan H.J. Wachowich dated March 1, 2002, between the Alberta Teachers' Association and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, the Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg in his capacity as the Minister of Learning, and the Honourable Clint Dunford in his capacity as Minister of Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 39/2002

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

Letter dated February 28, 2002, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, to Michael Phair, Councillor, City of Edmonton, in response to Mr. Phair's comments in the Edmonton Journal on February 26, 2002, relating to the Ma'mōwe Capital Region Child and Family Services Authority

Sessional Paper 40/2002

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated March 2002, entitled "Requirements for Proposals for Insured Surgical Services Agreements" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 41/2002

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

Letter dated October 10, 2001, from Fern Olson of Olds to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding the education system and large class sizes

Sessional Paper 42/2002

E-mail message dated February 21, 2002, from Colleen Cassady St. Clair of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concerns regarding the condition of public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 43/2002

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

E-mail message dated February 28, 2002, from Stan Halluk of Calgary to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, reprinting a letter to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, expressing concerns regarding the western Canada study on animal and human health effects associated with exposure to emissions from oil and natural gas field facilities

Sessional Paper 44/2002

E-mail message dated February 28, 2002, from Stan Halluk of Calgary to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing support for Bill 203, Gas Flaring Elimination Act

Sessional Paper 45/2002

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

E-mail message from Clarice Chrisp of Edmonton to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concerns regarding the lack of funding for schools and for special needs students

Sessional Paper 46/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Speaker's Statement**

Last Wednesday, the Chair made a statement about the changes to the business of the House brought about by the amendments to the Standing Orders approved by the Assembly last November.

Before the Assembly considers Private Members' business for the first time this Session, the Chair would like to review briefly how the changes will affect the operation of this important component of the Assembly's business.

First, Private Members' Public Bills will now be considered exclusively on Monday afternoons. The Bills will be considered after Written Questions and Motions for Returns.

Today, as there are no Written Questions or Motions for Returns, Bill 202 will be considered at Second Reading stage. If there is time this afternoon then Bill 203 will be considered as well. Private Members' Public Bills start at Bill 202 as there was not a Bill 201 introduced.

Starting this evening at 8:00 p.m., there will be one hour's consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions on Monday evenings. Under Standing Order 8(4), these motions retain their places on the Order Paper until they are given 60 minutes of debate plus 5 minutes for the mover to close debate unless the debate concludes before those limits are reached.

Under Standing Order 29(3), the time limits for speaking on Private Members' Public Bills, Motions Other Than Government Motions, and Written Questions and Motions for Returns are 20 minutes for the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition, 10 minutes speaking time and 5 minutes to close debate to the mover, and 10 minutes to all other Members.

There is no Question and Comment session for Private Members' business.

The Chair would also note that the amendments to the Standing Orders may result in a different pace for consideration of Private Members' Public Bills which should be interesting to monitor.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski

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

Bill 203 Gas Flaring Elimination Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in the interests of fiscal prudence and tax equity, to not increase health care premiums and instead cancel the scheduled reductions in corporate income taxes for fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Hon. Mrs. Nelson speaking.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates No. 2)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$848,000 Operating Expense

**Children's Services**

\$500,000 Operating Expense

**Environment**

\$8,296,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Justice**

\$1,500,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Solicitor General**

\$4,369,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 4, 2002