



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 13

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Constable Christine Diotte, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who was killed in the line of duty on March 12, 2002.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding National Farm Safety Week, March 13-20, 2002.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Calgary Aquamums Synchronized Swimming Team who will be competing at the World Aquatic Masters Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 28 to April 4, 2002.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the quality of life in rural Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Return to Order of the Assembly MR12, asked for by Ms Carlson on May 23, 2001, Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development
Sessional Paper 138/2002

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

Canadian Medical Association Journal article dated February 5, 2002, entitled “Outcomes of planned home births versus planned hospital births after regulation of midwifery in British Columbia”
Sessional Paper 139/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 425 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to stop funding cuts to supports for children and adults with developmental disabilities
Sessional Paper 140/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

8 letters from Albertans to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park
Sessional Paper 141/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 15, 2002, from Denis Chalifoux of Spruce Grove to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, outlining the text of a message sent to Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Governor, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, the processes used to pass Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, inadequate funding for special needs students, reduced funding to Children’s Services, and issues relating to the Alberta School Boards Association and the recent teachers’ strike
Sessional Paper 142/2002

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

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 18, 2002

Sessional Paper 143/2002

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

Letter dated January 30, 2002, from Don Hargrave of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, enclosing several research documents relating to the effects of Alberta Health Care premiums on Alberta provincial tax rates, in particular to seniors and lower income earners

Sessional Paper 144/2002

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

Letter dated March 12, 2002, from Doug Heckbert of Fort Saskatchewan to Kelvin Hussey, Chair, Alberta Attendance Board, advising of his resignation from the Alberta Attendance Board and outlining the reasons for his resignation

Sessional Paper 145/2002

E-mail message from Elizabeth Wall of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting Dr. Pannu's support to ensure that midwifery becomes a funded service under the provincial health care system

Sessional Paper 146/2002

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

Report dated March 18, 2002, entitled "Advantaged No More: How Low Taxes Flattened Alberta's Future" prepared for the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 147/2002

Point of Privilege - Contempt

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported point of privilege and contempt of the House under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, during Oral Question Period on March 13, 2002, relating to the frequency of reporting for sex offender parolees.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, and Hon. Mr. Stevens.

The Speaker commented that he would consider further information on the matter and provide a ruling at the conclusion of the Daily Routine on March 20, 2002.

During the comments on the point of privilege and contempt, Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, tabled the following:

Several documents and articles quoted from by Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, as research for her comments on the purported point of privilege

Sessional Paper 148/2002

During the comments on the point of privilege and contempt, Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 1, 2002, unsigned, from C. Paulsen, Chair, Community Corrections Review of Practices Implementation Committee, to all probation officers regarding recommendations made by probation officers concerning workload issues and the implementation of options addressed at a meeting with the Solicitor General on February 27, 2002

Sessional Paper 149/2002

Speaker's Ruling - House Business

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to follow up on a few items of business.

Yesterday 6 Private Members' Public Bills were introduced. The Members who held positions 217, 218, and 219 have chosen not to sponsor Private Members' Public Bills this session. Accordingly, the next Bill to be considered by the Assembly after Bill 216 will be Bill 220. The Member for Calgary-McCall has Bill 213 on notice but has not introduced it as of yet.

Also, Members will note that standing on the Order Paper are Government Motions 13, 14, 15, and 17 all relating in some way to Bill 12. As Bill 12 has now received Royal Assent, the Chair will have these motions removed from subsequent versions of the Order Paper as they are now not capable of being moved.

Finally, when the copies of the Private Members' Public Bills were distributed yesterday, the front pages of Bills 211 and 212 were reversed by the printer. A point of order was raised about this obvious printing error in Committee of the Whole. Although the Chair does not usually comment on what occurs in Committee, on this rare occasion the Chair will comment as the matter should have been raised in the Assembly in the first place.

The printing error was quickly noted and the printer ensured that replacements for Bills 211 and 212 were available to the Assembly by the time the evening sitting commenced last night. It is the Chair's understanding that the replacement copies were distributed at that time. This matter should now be resolved.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon.
Ms Evans

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

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002 — 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed 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

21. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2002-2003 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

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-7, s3, s4:

2002-03 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates	Sessional Paper 150/2002
2002-03 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates	Sessional Paper 151/2002
Government of Alberta Budget 2002 Fiscal Plan	Sessional Paper 152/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2002 Business Plans	Sessional Paper 153/2002
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22. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:32 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland

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

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 154/2002

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:12 p.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 19, 2002