



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement recognizing that on this day, for the first time in the history of the Legislative Assembly, all of the Pages in the House are women.

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Children's Theatre

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Cerebral Palsy Association
Stationary Bikeathon

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: 25th anniversary of the St. Mary
and St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Volunteer firefighters who fought the 2002
forest fire near Redwater

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 4th annual Persons With
Developmental Disabilities regional conference recently held in St. Paul

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Edward and Stella Pimm of Berwyn on being inducted into the 2002 Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 20 St. Albert and area residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 83 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated October 28, 2002, entitled "Provincial and Territorial Statement on Climate Change Policy" issued at the Joint Meeting of Energy and Environment Ministers, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 28, 2002, prepared by the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS)

Sessional Paper 626/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) Year In Review, 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 627/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 628/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Triennial Report, 99-02,
including consolidated financial statements to March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 629/2002

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

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative
Organization, Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2002
Sessional Paper 630/2002

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2001
Annual Report
Sessional Paper 631/2002

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative
Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 632/2002

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization,
Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 633/2002

University of Calgary Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual
Report for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 634/2002

Alberta Dental Association and College 2001 Radiation Health and Safety
Program, Annual Report January 1, 2001-December 31, 2001
Sessional Paper 635/2002

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled "Review of School Construction and Operating Costs
Committee, Interim Report and Preliminary Findings" submitted by Mr. Lord,
Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for
Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, and Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 636/2002

Report dated February 2002, entitled "Life Cycle Costs - Calgary Schools"
prepared for Alberta Infrastructure by Costplan Management Limited
Sessional Paper 637/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Policy dated June 2000, entitled "Termination of Pregnancy" prepared by the
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 638/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 14, 2002, from Mike Wolfer to Ms Blakeman, Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured
Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding

Sessional Paper 639/2002

Letter, undated, from Richard Gagne, certified personal care aide, to
Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding
AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding and requesting an
increase in funding

Sessional Paper 640/2002

Letter dated November 25, 2002, from Elizabeth Gillard, Office Manager, Spina
Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta, to Ms Blakeman,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding AISH
(Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding for people with spina
bifida and hydrocephalus and requesting Ms Blakeman to urge the Government
to increase AISH funding

Sessional Paper 641/2002

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

Letter dated November 8, 2002, from Patricia Brownlee of Calgary to Hon.
Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, with associated attachment, expressing
support for the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 642/2002

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

Speech dated November 22, 2002, entitled "Demanding Government Action for
the Homeless" delivered by Senator Douglas Roche, O.C. to the Edmonton
Coalition on Housing and Homelessness Conference: Home Sweet Home:
Responding to the Housing Crisis

Sessional Paper 643/2002

Copy of an Epcor Edmonton residential utility bill dated November 19, 2002

Sessional Paper 644/2002

Copy of an Epcor Edmonton residential utility bill dated November 21, 2002
Sessional Paper 645/2002

Copy of four residential utility bills issued by TransAlta dated July 29, 1999,
UtiliCorp Netorks Canada dated November 29, 2000, and Epcor dated April 2,
2002 and May 28, 2002
Sessional Paper 646/2002

Copy of two Epcor Edmonton residential utility bills, undated, in the amounts of
\$605.45 and \$997.42
Sessional Paper 647/2002

Speaker's Statement

During Tabling Returns and Reports, the Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members, before recognizing the next Member, the Chair wants to advise the Assembly that the sheer volume of the tabling by the Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, roughly some 6,700 postcards, requires a slight relaxation of the rules concerning tablings.

To meet the requirements of Standing Order 37(3) would mean that there would have to be a minimum of 10,000 pages tabled to provide an additional 4 copies which would consume significant resources.

Members may recall that the Chair relaxed the rule on December 8, 1997 with respect to a great number of cards presented during the National Unity Debate.

In keeping with the 1997 ruling, the original postcards will be kept in the Clerk's Office for the historical records of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, but, for this occasion the Library and the Opposition will receive a copy of the first page with a notation that the original can be viewed at the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

6,126 postcards from Albertans outlining concern regarding a lack of affordable rental housing prepared by "Our Voice, The Spare Change Magazine" and the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Sessional Paper 648/2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

33. Moved by Hon. Mr. Jonson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta consistent with its commitment to protecting Alberta's environment hereby endorses and accepts the following principles agreed to by all provinces and territories on October 28, 2002 to provide the basis for the development of a national climate change action plan:

1. All Canadians must have an opportunity for full and informed input into the development of the plan.
2. The plan must ensure that no region or jurisdiction shall be asked to bear an unreasonable share of the burden and no industry, sector or region shall be treated unfairly. The costs and impacts on individuals, businesses and industries must be clear, reasonable, achievable, and economically sustainable. The plan must incorporate appropriate federally funded mitigation of the adverse impacts of climate change initiatives.
3. The plan must respect provincial and territorial jurisdiction.
4. The plan must include recognition of real emission reductions that have been achieved since 1990 or will be achieved thereafter.
5. The plan must provide for bilateral or multilateral agreements between provinces and territories, and with the Federal Government.
6. The plan must ensure that no province or territory bears the financial risk of federal climate change commitments.
7. The plan must recognize that benefits from assets such as forest and agricultural sinks must accrue to the province and territory which owns the assets.
8. The plan must support innovation and new technology.
9. The plan must maintain the economic competitiveness of Canadian business and industry.
10. Canada must continue to demand recognition of clean energy exports.
11. The plan must include incentives for all citizens, communities, businesses and jurisdictions to make the shift to an economy based on renewable and other clean energy, lower emissions and sustainable practices across sectors.

12. The implementation of any climate change plan must include an incentive and allocation system that supports lower carbon emission sources of energy such as hydroelectricity, wind power generation, ethanol, and renewable and other clean sources of energy.

And be it further resolved that this Assembly, in the absence of agreement on a national plan by provinces and territories, denounces any unilateral ratification by the Federal Government of the Kyoto Protocol in violation of the principles on constitutional law, convention, federalism, and long established practice whereby the Federal Government must adequately consult with and seek the consent of provinces and territories prior to ratification of international treaties or agreements that affect matters of exclusive provincial or territorial jurisdiction, or that require provincial or territorial actions or legislation to achieve implementation where implementation will result in significant harm to the economy of Alberta and of Canada.

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by striking out the final paragraph, beginning “And be it further resolved that this Assembly,”.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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that affect matters of exclusive provincial or territorial jurisdiction, or that require provincial or territorial actions or legislation to achieve implementation where implementation will result in significant harm to the economy of Alberta and of Canada.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendment to Bill 30-2 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 649/2002

Amendment to Bill 30-2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 650/2002

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:40 p.m. until Thursday, November 28, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 27, 2002