



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Thursday, February 20, 2003

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement extending sincere best wishes to Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, C.M., Lieutenant Governor, in her battle with cancer.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to participate in this Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, then commented on the statement.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Barb Tarbox who has dedicated the remaining months of her life to her national anti-smoking campaign and announcing that AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) will establish an annual award of excellence and scholarship in her name.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding a recent cross-country snowmobile relay for women to raise funds for breast cancer research, sponsored by Polaris Industries in celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2004.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Alberta's firefighters and the many risks involved in firefighting.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding a need for an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, February 24, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4), Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 17/2003

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4), Alberta Dental Association and College, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 18/2003

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 19/2003

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Health Authority 5, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 20/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 21/2003

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

Report dated November 2002, entitled "Building Tomorrow Together" prepared by Agrivantage  
Sessional Paper 22/2003

Report dated January 2003, entitled "Alberta's Agriculture Research and Innovation Strategic Framework" prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Innovation and Science  
Sessional Paper 23/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 11, 2003, from Ruth Maria Adria, Elder Advocates of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Department of Health and Wellness make 5 proposed tenets mandatory in Alberta nursing homes and auxiliary hospitals  
Sessional Paper 24/2003

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

Letter dated October 22, 2002, from Paul Otto of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 25/2003

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

Document, undated, entitled "Basic Learning Spending, Adjusted for Comparability to 1992/1993 and Adjusted for Comparability to 1995/1996"

Sessional Paper 26/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Did You Know..." prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus, listing several Government expenditures and alternate options for those expenditures

Sessional Paper 27/2003

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

Letter dated February 14, 2003, from Doreen Smith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing concern regarding utility costs and health care premiums

Sessional Paper 28/2003

Letter dated February 17, 2003, from Jean Polasek of Clairmont to Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and requesting a natural gas subsidy

Sessional Paper 29/2003

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

Letter dated February 7, 2003, from the Marlowe families of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas

Sessional Paper 30/2003

Letter dated January 25, 2003, unsigned to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a \$1,500 increase in a natural gas bill for a greenhouse and attaching a copy of an ATCO Gas bill dated January 21, 2003

Sessional Paper 31/2003

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 24 to February 27, 2003:

Monday, February 24	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b> (Day 2 of 10) <b>Second Reading / Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 1, 5 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, February 25	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 4, 5, 11 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading / Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 4, 5, 11 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, February 26	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> Supplementary Supply Messages <b>Government Motions</b> Supplementary Supply Motions <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 2, 3 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 3 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 27

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)

**Revert to Introduction of Bills**

Appropriation (Supplementary  
Supply) Act

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

(Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act—Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, February 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 20, 2003