



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, February 24, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement - Rick Yarish

The Speaker welcomed Rick Yarish, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees for the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, who will be sitting at the Table for the week and observing the operations of the Legislative Assembly.

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Arthur Ryan Smith, C.M., D.F.C. who recently received the Order of Canada

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Group of lawyers from Medicine Hat for their work in collaborative law

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: 25th anniversary of the Lakewood Community League

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Emerson Drive rock band

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Speech by Jane MacKay Wright and Louis Schmittroth on the topic of Iraq and Palestine on February 21, 2003 at the Canadian Islamic Centre

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Deb Santos, Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts representative and Drayton Valley, hosts of the Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts, January 22-26, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, presented a petition from 1,644 Alberta firefighters requesting that the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to create presumptive status for six cancers that have been conclusively shown to disproportionately affect firefighters as a result of the dangerous conditions in which they work.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, and notice having been given:

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Rev. Abbott

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Several documents prepared by Climate Change Central including the Climate Change Central 2001 Progress Report, 2000 Annual Report, Strategic Plan, 2000-2001, and Issues 1 to 5 of a newsletter entitled "C3 Views"

Sessional Paper 32/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

15 recent letters from Albertans and a variety of conservation, naturalist and wilderness organizations, to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, supporting Bill 201, Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 33/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 19, 2003, from Janice Hoover of Edmonton to Dr. Jeffrey R. Anderson, Chairman, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, urging the Foundation to reconsider proposed changes to the formula for funding summer schools which would adversely affect summer programs offered by provincial arts service organizations

Sessional Paper 34/2003

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

Letter dated January 27, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, with attached resolution entitled "Opposing Unilateral Military Action Against Iraq" passed by the Official Opposition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 35/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 15, 2003, from Barry Breau, Alberta Regional Committee Coordinator, Forest Stewardship Council of Canada - Alberta Region, unaddressed, outlining the efforts of the Council's Alberta Region to develop a forest certification scheme

Sessional Paper 36/2003

Letter dated September 2, 2002, from Dean McQuay of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 37/2003

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

Copy of a petition signed by 399 Albertans urging the Government to immediately reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 38/2003

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

Letter dated February 20, 2003, with writer's name blanked out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding increased electrical energy costs and discrepancies regarding actual consumption versus meter reading information

Sessional Paper 39/2003

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

Letter dated November 26, 2002, with writer's name blanked out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding increased electrical energy costs

Sessional Paper 40/2003

Letter dated February 11, 2003, with writer's name blanked out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, with attached AltaGas Utilities bill, expressing concern regarding increased natural gas costs and discrepancies in usage estimates contained in the writer's December 2002 and January 2003 natural gas bills

Sessional Paper 41/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:49 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mrs. Fritz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit to include all children in a family in order to bring equality between families with three or more children and families with two or less children.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau

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

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

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

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Graham, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 42/2003

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 43/2003

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 44/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, February 24, 2003