



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Alberta Special Olympics held in Wetaskiwin, February 7-9, 2003

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Ramsay Elementary School in Calgary

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 1325, celebrating their 100th anniversary

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Opening of Canada's first centralized hospital pharmacy on February 21, 2003

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Ready Engineering of Spruce Grove on winning the 2003 Alberta Small Business Award of Distinction

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Trevor Brown of the County of Lethbridge, recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Edmonton Coalition Against War and Racism

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 58 Albertans requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Membership list and biographical information of the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise

Sessional Paper 56/2003

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

Copy of a petition signed by 1,641 Didsbury and areas residents requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 57/2003

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

E-mail message dated February 21, 2003, from Rachelle Nelson to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, expressing concern regarding natural gas price increases

Sessional Paper 58/2003

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

News release dated February 22, 2003, entitled "Government Just Not Listening" prepared by Elk Island Public Schools

Sessional Paper 59/2003

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

Letter dated February 12, 2003, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Bill Kobluk of Edmonton, providing information regarding Alberta's Tuition Fee Policy

Sessional Paper 60/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From the Administrator of the Province of Alberta

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a certain Message from the Administrator of the Province of Alberta.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (Members standing).

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 61/2003

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 62/2003

2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 63/2003

Government Motions

6. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, February 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 26, 2003