



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 7

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, February 27, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the 60th anniversary of the Edson Savings and Credit Union.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Evans-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Betty and Bud Underwood of Whitecourt who were foster parents for 28 years.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding Government education policies.

Presenting Petitions

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod (Minister of Government Services) presented a petition from 26 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 39 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 60 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 3, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Report dated February 27, 2003, entitled "Medicine Hat Royalties" prepared by the Alberta Department of Energy

Sessional Paper 64/2003

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

197 letters, undated, from Albertans expressing concern regarding rising tuition costs at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 65/2003

Petition signed by 2,772 Albertans requesting the Government increase funding for public education

Sessional Paper 66/2003

Chart, undated, entitled "Alberta Government Overcharges Underfunded Schools" comparing prices of several learning resources available at the Alberta Learning Resource Centre, Chapters, and National Book Service

Sessional Paper 67/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated December 17, 2002, from Vicki MacIsaac of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to further commercial development in the Kananaskis valley

Sessional Paper 68/2003

E-mail message dated December 18, 2002, from Ron Dragg to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to further commercial development of the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 69/2003

3 letters dated January 12, February 9, and February 24, 2003, from Dennis C. Floate of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 70/2003

E-mail message dated January 6, 2003, from Alix Danard of Redwood Meadows to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 71/2003

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

Petition signed by 287 Albertans requesting the Government immediately reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 72/2003

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

Excerpt of the minutes of a Town of Blackfalds Council meeting held February 25, 2003, noting a resolution regarding the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries

Sessional Paper 73/2003

Letter from His Worship William J. McQuesten, Mayor, Town of Lacombe, expressing concern regarding the proposed electoral boundary of Lacombe-Ponoka

Sessional Paper 74/2003

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

E-mail message dated February 24, 2003, from Heather Waldie to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the lack in education funding

Sessional Paper 75/2003

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

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from Ed Gibbons, Deputy Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, stating a motion was passed by Edmonton City Council on February 25, 2003, asking the Government to immediately institute the natural gas price protection rebate program

Sessional Paper 76/2003

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Margaret Stumborg of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding high natural gas prices and requesting a rebate

Sessional Paper 77/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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 March 3 to March 6, 2003:

Monday, March 3	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2 Second Reading Bill 3, 17 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 4	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1 Second Reading Bill 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 3, 17 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2, 3, 17 And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 2, 3, 17

Committee of the Whole

Bill 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 6

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21

Point of Order

During a Point of Order raised by Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, Mr. Masyk tabled the following document:

News release dated February 27, 2003, entitled "Masyk clarifies comments on prison conditions; apologizes for potential offense" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 78/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development		
	\$1,400,000	Operating Expense
Agriculture, Food and Rural Development		
	\$39,719,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Economic Development		
	\$4,000,000	Operating Expense
Energy		
	\$3,300,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Environment		
	\$2,000,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Government Services		
	\$4,565,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Human Resources and Employment		
	\$25,800,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Infrastructure		
	\$800,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Justice and Attorney General		
	\$2,623,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Learning		
	\$33,500,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Municipal Affairs		
	\$11,400,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Seniors		
	\$17,000,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Sustainable Resource Development		
	\$19,075,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Transportation		
	\$41,460,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 3, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 27, 2003