



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 8

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Monday, March 3, 2003

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: The achievements of Team Alberta at the Canada Winter Games being held in Bathurst and Campbellton, New Brunswick from February 22 to March 8, 2003

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Steadward Centre for organizing the 12th Annual Indoor Classic on March 2, 2003, an event for the disabled community

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

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: 65th anniversary of the Polish Veterans' Society

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Recent event in Calgary celebrating cultural diversity

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 1,500 Albertans requesting an increase in base funding to post-secondary education to ensure every qualified Albertan can attend university.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 206 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 207 Municipal Government (Councillor Disclosure and Protection) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lord

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

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Document dated March 3, 2003, with associated attachments, entitled “Updated Learning Resources Centre (LRC) Price Comparisons”

Sessional Paper 79/2003

Letter dated February 28, 2003, from Avi Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services, Edmonton Public Schools, to Rick Baker, Director, Learning Resources Centre, commenting that the Learning Resources Centre is an excellent resource supplier

Sessional Paper 80/2003

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

Proposed Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 dated October 3, 2002

Sessional Paper 81/2003

Proposed Gas Statutes (Gas Distribution) Amendment Act, 2003 dated December 3, 2002

Sessional Paper 82/2003

Proposed Gas Statutes (Rural Utilities) Amendment Act, 2003 dated December 3, 2002

Sessional Paper 83/2003

Letter dated December 24, 2002, from Mike Ekelund, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Electricity and Gas Division, Department of Energy, to Interested Parties, providing an overview of major legislative changes being proposed in a variety of bills and regulations related to gas utilities

Sessional Paper 84/2003

Letter dated January 17, 2003, from James A. Wachowich, Consumers' Coalition of Alberta, to Terry Holmes, Gas and Alberta Markets Division, Department of Energy, providing the Coalition's comments on the major legislative changes being proposed in a variety of bills and regulations related to gas utilities  
Sessional Paper 85/2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 20, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Ken G. Block, President, Edmonton Fire Fighters' Union, Local 209, responding to Mr. Block's letter regarding Bill 202, Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003, and expressing support for Bill 202  
Sessional Paper 86/2003

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

Letter dated December 31, 2002, from Gary Hanson, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, West Edmonton Mall, to Robert C. Clark, Chairman, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, opposing the Commission's recommendation to reduce Edmonton's representation in the Legislative Assembly  
Sessional Paper 87/2003

Fax dated February 28, 2003, unsigned, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding high natural gas rates and requesting natural gas rebates be reinstated

Sessional Paper 88/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 913 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 89/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program dated March 1, 2003 from the Polish Veterans' Society's 65th anniversary celebrations

Sessional Paper 90/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 21, 2003, with an associated attachment, from Michael H. Denkers of Edmonton to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding his inability to qualify for AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped)

Sessional Paper 91/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

76 letters from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002 and Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 92/2003

## **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**

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Bonner	Graydon	Magnus
Broda	Haley	Marz
Cao	Horner	Maskell
Carlson	Jacobs	Massey
Cenaiko	Jonson	Masyk
Danyluk	Klein	Melchin
Evans	Kryczka	Nelson
Forsyth	Lord	Norris
Fritz	Lougheed	O'Neill

Ouellette  
Pannu  
Stevens

Tannas  
Tarchuk  
Taylor

VanderBurg  
Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Abbott  
DeLong  
Doerksen  
Dunford

Friedel  
Herard  
Lukaszuk  
McClelland

McFarland  
Snelgrove  
Strang  
Vandermeer

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

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

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**502.** Moved by Mrs. Jablonski:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and implement steps to strengthen Alberta's position within Confederation.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Lord speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon.  
Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:09 p.m. until Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 3, 2003