



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, March 4, 2003

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding relations between Canada and the United States of America.

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement offering an apology concerning comments made regarding the value and contribution of teachers.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding inadequate education funding.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the utilization of schools in the constituency of Calgary-West.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day today.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette
Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady
Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski
Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko
Bill 205 Citizens' Empowerment Act — Dr. Nicol

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

- Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette
Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady
Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski
Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

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 Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board,
Annual Report 2002

Sessional Paper 93/2003

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Letter dated October 22, 2002, from the Mayor and Councillors, Town of Turner Valley, to Robert C. Clark, Chairman, Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, requesting the Town of Turner Valley remain in the electoral division of Highwood

Sessional Paper 94/2003

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from Her Worship Kelly Tuck, Mayor, Town of Turner Valley, expressing concern regarding the proposal by the Electoral Boundaries Commission to move Turner Valley into the Rocky View constituency with attached minutes from the Turner Valley town council meeting of October 21, 2002, noting a motion regarding the electoral boundary

Sessional Paper 95/2003

Letter dated February 28, 2003, from His Worship Rolly Magee, Mayor, Town of Black Diamond, to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, requesting the Town of Black Diamond remain in the Highwood constituency

Sessional Paper 96/2003

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly):

Copy of a petition signed by 11 members of the Westlock United Church requesting the Government implement the recommendations of the Romanow Report

Sessional Paper 97/2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Dave Fryett, Chairman, South Fish Creek Transportation Action Committee, to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, and Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, requesting the Government restore full funding to the south Deerfoot Trail extension upgrades and adhere to the original time lines

Sessional Paper 98/2003

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

27 recent letters from Didsbury and area residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requesting the Didsbury district health services be included in the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 99/2003

2 recent letters from the Town of Carstairs and Mountain View County, and 2 from the Town of Didsbury to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for including the Didsbury health services in the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 100/2003

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

Brochure, undated, entitled "High Power Bills Unplugged, Low Cost Power for Albertans" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 101/2003

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

Media advisory dated February 28, 2003, entitled "Media briefing on Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 102/2003

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, advising that the New Democrats will not be attending a briefing being held on March 4, 2003 and objecting to the briefing process

Sessional Paper 103/2003

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

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from William and Doreen Stevenson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing displeasure with the deregulation of electricity and natural gas

Sessional Paper 104/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated September 4, 2002, from Linda McKay-Panos, Executive Director, Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, to the Office of the Alberta Official Opposition, requesting an attached document entitled "Child Welfare Act Review 2002" be tabled in the Legislature

Sessional Paper 105/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(7), 28(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner Into Allegations Involving Albert Klapstein, Member for Leduc, dated March 4, 2003

Sessional Paper 106/2003

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Letter dated December 17, 2002, from Tony Yelenik, Reeve, Municipal District of Greenview No. 16, on behalf of Little Smoky residents, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, requesting local input into the design of the access to Little Smoky from Highway 43, with several maps attached

Sessional Paper 107/2003

Point of Privilege

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a media only briefing on Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 held March 3, 2003.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Mason.

Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege

The Speaker ruled that Members wishing to provide further information regarding this point of privilege must do so by 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2003, to the Office of the Speaker. He then stated he would rule on this matter the following day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

Bill 15 Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

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

Bill 10 Health Information Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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: 41

Abbott	Hancock	O'Neill
Ady	Hlady	Pham
Amery	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Broda	Klapstein	Shariff
Calahasen	Knight	Snelgrove
Cao	Lougheed	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Danyluk	Lund	Strang
DeLong	Magnus	Tannas
Doerksen	Mar	Taylor
Dunford	McClelland	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McFarland	Vandermeer
Griffiths	Melchin	Yankowsky
Haley	Oberg	

Against the motion: 5

Carlson	Massey	Taft
Mason	Pannu	

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

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

Mr. Hlady 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.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that it will cause inefficiency and confusion in the electricity production and delivery system, and increase costs for Alberta consumers.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Mason speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 4, 2003