



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, March 10, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: One million Canadians employed in the restaurant and food services industry

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, Dan Holowaychuk, and coach Brian Moore on winning the 2003 Nokia Brier

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Mill Woods Community Patrol

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta Pandas hockey team on winning the 2003 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Professor Gerald Gall, O.C.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Monica Hughes, author who recently passed away

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Cam Tait of the Edmonton Journal

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, Acting Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Sister Theresa Carmel Slavik for the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Province of Alberta Statutes Repeal Act;

of Rev. Thanh K. Nguyen for the Forest Lawn Bible College Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 65 Fort McMurray residents 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

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 139/2003

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 10, 2003, signed by 147 residents and families of Sturgeon Foundation, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, expressing concern regarding the Government's financial support for seniors housing and requesting financial support be increased

Sessional Paper 140/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Information sheet, undated, entitled "Re-elect Gene Zwozdesky"
Sessional Paper 141/2003

Program from the Alberta Wilderness Association 1st annual Spring Wilderness Celebration on March 8, 2003

Sessional Paper 142/2003

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

Excerpts from Occupational Health and Safety Magazine dated May 2001, September 2001, January 2002, and May 2002, regarding fatalities related to asbestos exposure

Sessional Paper 143/2003

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

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 9, 2003

Sessional Paper 144/2003

Letter dated November 13, 2002, from John Patrick Day, President, Edmonton-Norwood Liberal Association, to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, attaching a submission responding to the Commission's Report

Sessional Paper 145/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 310 Albertans requesting the Government immediately reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 146/2003

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

Letter, undated, from Jill Hooke of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to increase education funding

Sessional Paper 147/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta's Famous 5" prepared by the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 148/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much of the \$25.5 million under-expenditure from Income Support to Individuals and Families, \$621,000 under-expenditure from the Widows' Pension Program, and \$8.8 million under-expenditure from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program outlined in the 2001/02 Alberta Human Resources and Employment annual report was spent on homeless shelters, additional system development costs, and salary increases respectively?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the breakdown of the money that will be used by the Government to match the Federal Government's \$67 million contribution to the affordable housing agreement signed in June 2002?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the current status of all integration of the Maintenance Enforcement case officers' computer systems and what is the plan for completing the integration?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ2. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What is the total amount of money the Department of Infrastructure has spent on un-tendered contracts between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002, what are the names of the individuals and companies who have received these un-tendered contracts, and what is the amount they each received as part of their contract?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ3, WQ5, WQ6, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR5. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All reports respecting the fish populations, including the populations of walleye and pike, and the general environmental health of Calling Lake prior to and after the April 1, 2002 start of the pilot project which allows approximately two-thirds of Calling Lake to be opened for the harvest of walleye and pike.

MR9. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Infrastructure policy on its contract management process.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Transportation policy on its contract management process.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Government Services between September 12, 2001 and January 14, 2003 regarding the establishment of a new system for issuing drivers' licenses in Alberta.

MR4. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the final report from the Correctional Services MLA Review Committee to the Solicitor General.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR2, MR3, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR10.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Second Reading

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), debate adjourned, Rev. Abbott speaking.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of the Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozkesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

503. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a financial incentive program to encourage first time home ownership.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 22 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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

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

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 10, 2003