



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 13

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 6th anniversary of 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Oral Question Period rules.

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the achievements of Team Alberta at the Canada Winter Games held in Bathurst and Campbellton, New Brunswick, February 22 to March 8, 2003.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2003.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 10, 2003, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 30 Albertans urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ7 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 2003:

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?
Sessional Paper 149/2003

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

49 letters, undated, from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003
Sessional Paper 150/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities
Sessional Paper 151/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Excerpts from Proceedings (In Chambers) dated August 1, 2002, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, between Ray Thomlinson and Robert P. Lee (Plaintiffs) and Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta, Iris Evans, Minister of Child Services, the Public Trustee and Her Majesty The Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta on Behalf of the Respondents 439 John Doe Being Minors (Defendants)

Sessional Paper 152/2003

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

News release dated October 30, 2002, entitled "Ralph Klein supports civil disobedience, Premier reverses oft-stated policy by attending Lethbridge courthouse rally" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 153/2003

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

E-mail message dated February 25, 2003, from Dianne Strilaeff of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and requesting a subsidy

Sessional Paper 154/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Interim Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 155/2003

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. 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 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

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 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

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

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

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

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: 42

Abbott	Griffiths	O'Neill
Ady	Horner	Ouellette
Amery	Jablonski	Renner
Boutilier	Jacobs	Shariff
Broda	Jonson	Smith
Cao	Knight	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Stevens
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Strang
DeLong	Lund	Tannas
Doerksen	Magnus	Taylor
Ducharme	Mar	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClellan	Vandermeer
Friedel	Melchin	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Nelson	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 5

Carlson	MacDonald	Taft
Pannu	Mason	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 21 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ouellette

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:56 p.m. until Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 11, 2003