



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 14

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 2nd anniversary of 23 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 12, 2001.

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Captain Rod Kutney, Paul Hawes, Jason Fiissel, Jeff Deptuck, and Kurt Weare, Station 5 City of Edmonton firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and the heroic efforts of the firefighters who rescued those who were trapped

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne: Daryl Zelinski of Whitecourt who recently ran the Mardi Gras Marathon in New Orleans, Louisiana on behalf of Team Diabetes which collected \$165,000 in pledges for the Canadian Diabetes Association

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Opening of the Banner Village of Garrison Woods seniors residential facility in Calgary on March 6, 2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton police officers and firefighters for their heroic efforts in rescuing five firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and Red Cross Disaster Services for assisting tenants of the apartment building

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Parliamentary democracy and the work of Members of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: 100th annual Medicine Hat Curling Club Bonspiel

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Five Edmonton firefighters who were trapped in a collapsed parkade and subsequently rescued, while fighting a fire in an apartment building on March 11, 2003, and the daily heroic efforts of all firefighters

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 63 Albertans requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 700 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 40.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

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

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Document, undated, entitled "Natural Gas Prices 2000 to Present"
Sessional Paper 156/2003

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

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Diane Coburn of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding employment insurance deductions, child tax credits, and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 157/2003

Letter dated March 8, 2003, from Darlene Vinge of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 158/2003

Letter dated February 26, 2003, from David Vinge of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's response to education funding issues raised by Albertans

Sessional Paper 159/2003

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

Letter dated January 21, 2003, from Ray Klaschinsky of Calgary to Brad Jackson, Manager, Workplace Health and Safety, Department of Human Resources and Employment, requesting information regarding an asbestos investigation at the Holy Cross Hospital while Mr. Klaschinsky was an employee of the hospital

Sessional Paper 160/2003

E-mail message dated February 24, 2003, from Heather Waldie to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg's response to education funding issues raised by Albertans

Sessional Paper 161/2003

Letter dated February 18, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government make a long-term commitment to fully funded quality public education

Sessional Paper 162/2003

Letter, undated, from Kelly Steeves, Chair, Riverview Public Education Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting an opportunity for the Coalition to share its views with Executive Council

Sessional Paper 163/2003

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

Letter dated December 13, 2002, signed by 27 residents of Meadowlark Seniors Lodge, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding rent and services increases and requesting an increase in Government funding to the Greater Edmonton Foundation, Housing for Seniors

Sessional Paper 164/2003

Letter dated February 21, 2003, from Wendy Girletz to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern over the closure of the high school, grain elevators, and health centre in Cereal and the possibility of the closure of the elementary school

Sessional Paper 165/2003

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

Letter dated March 3, 2003, from Margaret Fester of Hinton to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas

Sessional Paper 166/2003

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the regulations of the Natural Gas Price Protection Act to base the trigger for rebates on a monthly, not annual average price of natural gas.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Securities Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Hlady

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: 45

Amery	Hancock	Melchin
Blakeman	Herard	Nelson
Calahasen	Hlady	Oberg
Cao	Horner	Pham
Cardinal	Hutton	Rathgeber
Carlson	Jablonski	Renner
Coutts	Jacobs	Smith
Danyluk	Jonson	Strang
DeLong	Knight	Tannas
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tarchuk
Dunford	Magnus	VanderBurg
Fritz	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Woloshyn
Graydon	McClellan	Yankowsky
Griffiths	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 3

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

Bill 20 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

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

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 2 — Interim Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Graydon	Mar
Calahasen	Griffiths	Marz
Cao	Hancock	McClellan
Cardinal	Herard	McClelland
Coutts	Hlady	Oberg
Danyluk	Horner	Ouellette
DeLong	Hutton	Pham
Doerksen	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Jacobs	Renner
Dunford	Knight	Snelgrove
Fritz	Kryczka	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Renner reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2003-04 Interim Supply Estimates for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:23 p.m. until Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 12, 2003