



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Thursday, March 13, 2003

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Ross Family of Camrose for their efforts in raising awareness for the organ donation program.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding asbestos exposure and the Government's asbestos abatement policy.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Farm Safety Week, March 12-19, 2003.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommending Edmonton lose one electoral riding.

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 53 Calgary residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 17, 2003:

Written Questions: WQ3, WQ5, WQ6, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns: MR2, MR3, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR10.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

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

Bill 31 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 2003:

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?

Sessional Paper 167/2003

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

Letter dated March 4, 2003, from Gerry Toller-Lobe of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's handling of several public education issues

Sessional Paper 168/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 19, 2003, from Ian Crichton of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's intention to proceed with public and private infrastructure partnerships

Sessional Paper 169/2003

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Phillip H. Walker of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for a motion passed by the City of Edmonton Council urging the Legislative Assembly to maintain 19 electoral divisions within Edmonton

Sessional Paper 170/2003

Document, undated, untitled, outlining financial issues faced by an unemployed, chronically ill, homeless person who is relying on financial assistance from the Supports for Independence (SFI) Program

Sessional Paper 171/2003

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

Letter dated February 17, 2003, from Tara Kryz of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding inadequate funding for school boards and teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 172/2003

Letter dated February 19, 2003, from Lana Cuthbertson of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 173/2003

E-mail message dated February 25, 2003, from Dan Musica to Lynn Odynski, Edmonton Public School Board, expressing concern that his daughter's education will suffer as a result of the school board's financial difficulties

Sessional Paper 174/2003

E-mail message dated March 11, 2003, from Phillip H. Walker to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing support for a motion passed by the City of Edmonton Council urging the Legislative Assembly to maintain 19 electoral divisions within Edmonton

Sessional Paper 175/2003

E-mail message dated February 27, 2003, from Peter Schiavone of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding natural gas and power costs and requesting a rebate

Sessional Paper 176/2003

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

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's recent letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, indicating phase one of a process to review auto insurance in Alberta is complete and the results may assist in stabilizing premiums

Sessional Paper 177/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 205 Albertans requesting the Government immediately reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 178/2003

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

Letter dated March 7, 2003, with writer's name blanked out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding energy costs and thanking Mr. Mason for his efforts in this regard

Sessional Paper 179/2003

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 17 to March 20, 2003:

Monday, March 17	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 27, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 18	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 18, 26, 27, 28 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 27 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading / Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 27 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 3, 19, 30 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 19	Aft.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole / Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 3, 19, 27</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole / Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 3, 19, 27</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 30</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, March 20	Aft.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 3, 19, 27</p> <p><b>Government Motions</b></p> <p>Motion 13</p>

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — Interim Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 12 agreed to by the Assembly on March 11, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Interim Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

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

Abbott	Graydon	Masyk
Calahasen	Haley	McClelland
Cao	Hancock	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Coutts	Hutton	Norris
DeLong	Johnson	O'Neill
Doerksen	Jonson	Pham
Dunford	Klapstein	Smith
Forsyth	Kryczka	Stelmach
Fritz	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Gordon	Mar	Woloshyn
Graham	Marz	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Massey	Taft
Mason		

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$10,890,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Auditor General**

\$5,195,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Office of the Ombudsman**

\$590,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

\$600,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$120,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

\$990,000 Operating Expense

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$10,175,000 Operating Expense

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$139,655,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Children's Services**

\$225,075,000 Operating Expense

**Community Development**

\$209,510,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$265,000 Capital Investment

**Economic Development**

\$11,445,000 Operating Expense

**Energy**

\$47,130,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Environment**

\$29,340,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Executive Council**

\$3,760,000 Operating Expense

**Finance**

\$20,925,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$20,635,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Gaming**

\$47,000,000 Operating Expense

\$309,500,000 Lottery Fund Payments

**Government Services**

\$58,280,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Health and Wellness**

\$1,849,835,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Human Resources and Employment**

\$274,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Infrastructure**

\$394,190,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$14,000,000 Capital Investment

**Innovation and Science**

\$43,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases  
\$11,500,000 Capital Investment

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$1,940,000 Operating Expense

**Justice**

\$71,335,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Learning**

\$888,895,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases  
\$30,000,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Municipal Affairs**

\$64,525,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Revenue**

\$11,345,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Seniors**

\$73,115,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Solicitor General**

\$66,840,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$91,635,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases  
\$1,300,000 Capital Investment

**Transportation**

\$157,085,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases  
\$63,260,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 180/2003

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



## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Monday, March 17, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 13, 2003