



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 16

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, March 17, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Don Clarke who was recently awarded the Order of Canada

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Ireland Fund of Canada, organizer of the Emerald Ball held on March 15, 2003

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Volunteers, coaches, and referees for their support and commitment to minor hockey

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Grand opening of the Trio Tan 'n Tone fitness centre on March 11, 2003 in Radway

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: 2003 Great Kids Awards held on March 16, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Edmonton Public Schools' 39th Night of Music entitled "A Musical Journey" held on March 12, 2003 at the Jubilee Auditorium

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Wheatland Select Organic Turkey Limited of Taber on winning a 2003 Alberta Business Award of Distinction on February 19, 2003

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 32 Calgary residents urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham

Bill 208 Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Danyluk

Bill 209 School (Fees Elimination) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Mason

Bill 210 Dental Care Review Committee Act — Mr. Masyk

Bill 211 Fair Trading (Telemarketing Licence) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McClelland

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

Bill 29 Law of Property Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 16, 2003, from Victor Dorian of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 181/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Edmonton Public Schools' 39th Night of Music entitled "A Musical Journey" held on March 12, 2003 at the Jubilee Auditorium

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

Letter dated March 12, 2003, from Maureen Santin of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting an increase in education funding
Sessional Paper 183/2003

E-mail message dated March 10, 2003, from Linda Hallworth of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's lack of vision surrounding education funding
Sessional Paper 184/2003

Letter dated March 13, 2003, from Mona Luth of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's disregard for public education
Sessional Paper 185/2003

E-mail message dated March 13, 2003, from Matt Rose of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the effect of education funding shortfalls at Centre High School and requesting an increase in education funding
Sessional Paper 186/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copy of a program from the 2003 Great Kids Awards held on March 16, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel
Sessional Paper 187/2003

Biographical information regarding the 2003 Great Kids Award winners
Sessional Paper 188/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Program from the 2003 Canadian Business Leader Awards held on March 13, 2003 at the Shaw Conference Centre
Sessional Paper 189/2003

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

Copy of a petition signed by 100 Albertans requesting the Government immediately reinstate natural gas rebates
Sessional Paper 190/2003

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 15, 2003
Sessional Paper 191/2003

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 16, 2003
Sessional Paper 192/2003

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

E-mail message dated March 14, 2003, from Patricia Jansen to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in response to a letter dated October 24, 2002, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding energy deregulation and increased energy costs

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ3. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount *and range of achievement bonuses given to employees* in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for *the 1999/2000, 2000/2001, and 2001/2002 fiscal years*?

WQ5. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Seniors Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *aggregate* dollar amount given as *achievement bonuses to employees* in the Alberta Seniors Ministry, *and what is the number of employees, broken down by range of the bonus amount, who received a bonus for the 2001/2002 fiscal year*?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Government Services Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate dollar amount and range of achievement bonuses given to employees in the Alberta Government Services Ministry broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range, for the 2001/2002 fiscal year?

WQ8. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus, within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?

WQ9. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, Task Force on Children at Risk, Committee on Francophone Education Governance, Alberta Vocational Colleges Governance Task Force, Private Schools Funding Task Force, School Facilities Task Force, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?

WQ10. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees, and the number of employees who received a bonus*, within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range*?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR2. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of documents showing a specific breakdown of how much of the \$346,511,000 received by people on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped in the fiscal year 2001-2002 was given as cheques to recipients, how much was spent on medical costs, and how the remainder was spent.

MR3. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of expenses including, but not limited to, research fees, hosting fees, salaries, consulting fees, public relations, advertising costs, and meeting expenses for the following committees set up under the Report of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health: Committee on Collaboration and Innovation, Expert Advisory Panel to Review Publicly Funded Health Services, MLA Task Force on Health Care Funding and Revenue Generation, and the Health Reform Implementation Team.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of the bonuses paid to staff of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1992/93 to 2001/02 indicating the amounts of individual bonuses paid each year as well as the position held by the recipients of those bonuses.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the bonuses, and the aggregate amount thereof, paid to managers and senior officials of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1997/98 to 2000/01 broken down by range of bonus amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR7. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the monthly statements for the credit cards used by the Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, each of the Assistant Deputy Ministers, the Special Policy Advisor, and each of the Minister's Executive Assistants from April 1, 1997 to December 31, 2002.

MR8. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all records prepared by, or for, the Government or its agents relating to the tendering process for any purchase or contract from or with Tecskor Software Inc., including the requests for proposals, since April 1, 1999.

MR10. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by, and for, Alberta Human Resources and Employment between May 2002 and January 30, 2003 concerning potential changes to the Supports for Income Program.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 2 in the proposed section 24.1 is amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) If a worker who is or has been a firefighter suffers an injury that is a primary site cancer of a type specified in the regulations, the injury shall be presumed to be an occupational disease, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a firefighter, unless the contrary is proven.

- (b) by striking out subsection (4) and substituting the following:
 - (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall make regulations
 - (a) designating primary site cancers to which the presumption in subsection (2) applies;
 - (b) prescribing periods of employment for the purpose of subsection (3) which may be different for the different diseases designated under clause (a).

- (c) by striking out subsection (5);

- (d) by striking out subsection (6) and substituting the following:
 - (6) The Board must prepare a report on the status of research on whether injuries that are designated in regulations under subsection (4) are occupational diseases, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a casual or part-time member of a fire protection service of a municipality or Métis settlement, and submit it to the Minister no later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section.

 - (7) The Minister shall table a copy of the report prepared under subsection (6) before the Legislative Assembly within 15 days of receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the beginning of the next sitting.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 45

Abbott	Dunford	Haley
Bonner	Evans	Herard
Broda	Forsyth	Hlady
Cenaiko	Friedel	Horner
Danyluk	Fritz	Jablonski
DeLong	Griffiths	Jacobs

Klein	Massey	Renner
Lord	Masyk	Stevens
Lougheed	McClelland	Strang
Lukaszuk	Nelson	Tannas
Lund	Nicol	Tarchuk
MacDonald	Norris	Taylor
Magnus	O'Neill	VanderBurg
Marz	Ouellette	Vandermeer
Mason	Pannu	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 0

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill) — Agreed
to on division

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Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(2) to allow the Assembly to resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

504. Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to establish its own regional police service, including a regional police commissioner, by 2007.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Second time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill infringes on the rights of workers in an unreasonable way.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 27 being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Abbott	Jacobs	Norris
Ady	Johnson	Ouellette
Broda	Knight	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Smith
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Dunford	Mar	Strang
Forsyth	Masyk	Taylor
Friedel	McClelland	VanderBurg
Graham	McFarland	Vandermeer
Herard	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:25 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 17, 2003