



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 19

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, March 20, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the devastating fire in Old Strathcona on March 13, 2003.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to participate in this Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, then commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 14th anniversary of 7 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989.

Members' Statements

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Alberta's water resources.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2003.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding skier Dave Irwin and the first Dash for Cash downhill ski race at Sunshine Village to raise funds for the Dave Irwin Brain Injury Foundation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the current conflict in Iraq.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government establish a provincially subsidized monthly transit pass program for low income Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 24, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona,:

Document, undated, entitled "Old Scona Academic Funding Overview"
Sessional Paper 228/2003

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

18 letters, e-mails, and utility bills, with all names and addresses blanked out,
expressing concern regarding the high cost of natural gas and electricity
Sessional Paper 229/2003

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

Report dated February 2002, entitled "California Shorts a Circuit, Should
Canadians Trust the Wiring Diagram?" prepared by Mark Jaccard of the
C.D. Howe Institute
Sessional Paper 230/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Laura Webster of Edmonton to Hon.
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding school board funding cutbacks
Sessional Paper 231/2003

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from Kevin Whitten, Chair, School Council,
Kenilworth Junior High School, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern
regarding cuts to the school's budget
Sessional Paper 232/2003

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

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from Karen Ferrari of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein,
Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting Mr. Klein and
Dr. Oberg apologize to Mrs. Ferrari and other parents for disrespect shown by
Members of the Legislative Assembly when they were introduced as guests in the
Legislative Assembly on March 19, 2003
Sessional Paper 233/2003

Letter dated March 7, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon.
Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, thanking Mr. Zwozdesky
for attending a forum on education at Kate Chegwin School and requesting
Mr. Zwozdesky present Ms Shapiro's concerns to the Government regarding
funding for education
Sessional Paper 234/2003

Letter dated March 13, 2003, from Jenn Hoogewoonink of St. Albert to Hon.
Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing
concern regarding education funding
Sessional Paper 235/2003

Letter dated March 10, 2003, from Linda A. Telgarsky of Edmonton to Hon.
Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing
concern regarding education funding and teachers' salaries
Sessional Paper 236/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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 24 to March 27, 2003:

Monday, March 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 14, 16 Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 27 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 19, 27

Speaker's Statement - Order for Consideration of Private Members' Bills

In light of recent questions to my office regarding the order of business for Private Members' Bills, the Chair would like to provide some clarification for all Members regarding the sequence in which the Private Members' Bills will be called for debate this Monday, March 24.

Standing Order 9(1) states that all items standing on the Order Paper, with the exception of Government Bills and Orders, shall be taken up according to precedence. As all Members are aware, Standing Order 8(5) provides that a Private Member's Bill must be called in Committee of the Whole within 8 sitting days of receiving Second Reading and within 4 sitting days after being reported from Committee of the Whole.

Sometimes these timelines will conflict depending upon the progress of various Bills. In such cases, the order of precedence is determined by the date and time that the Assembly or the Committee of the Whole has made its decisions in respect of the Bills. Therefore, given that Bill 201 received Third Reading on March 10, it must be the first item of business called on Monday afternoon.

Committee of the Whole consideration on Bill 203 will then follow and, if time permits, the next item of business to be called will be Third Reading of Bill 202.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 37

Abbott	Haley	McClelland
Boutilier	Hancock	Rathgeber
Broda	Herard	Renner
Calahasen	Hutton	Snelgrove
Cardinal	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Klapstein	Strang
Danyluk	Lord	Tannas
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Mar	Taylor
Fritz	Maskell	VanderBurg
Gordon	Masyk	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Griffiths		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Nicol
Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Massey	

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 15, agreed to on March 20, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:22 p.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Abbott	Haley	O'Neill
Broda	Hancock	Rathgeber
Calahasen	Hutton	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Danyluk	Lougheed	Strang
Forsyth	Mar	Tarchuk
Friedel	Maskell	Taylor
Fritz	Masyk	VanderBurg
Gordon	McClellan	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClelland	Woloshyn
Griffiths		

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003

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 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 237/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:37 p.m. until Monday, March 24, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 20, 2003