



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Monday, March 24, 2003

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Alberta's relations with the United States of America, Australia, and England, and the current conflict in Iraq.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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.

**Recognitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Edmonton Coalition against War and Racism for organizing a peace rally attended by over 18,000 people in Edmonton on March 22, 2003

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Grand Opening of the Beaupre Community Hall on March 22, 2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Deanna Thompson who was awarded the M.G. Griffiths plaque by the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada for her efforts assisting more than 30 victims of an explosion at a Bali nightclub on October 12, 2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 9th annual Spring into Spring Extravaganza presented by the Ernest Manning High School music department at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on March 17, 2003

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw: Team Alberta for winning the Abby Hoffman cup at the 2003 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, March 12-16, 2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Victoria School of Performing Arts

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Conflict between the United States of America and Iraq

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 54 Calgary residents requesting the minimum wage be immediately increased to \$8.50 per hour and indexed annually to reflect the cost of living.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 33 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao
- Bill 212 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Education Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Vandermeer
- Bill 213 Canada Pension Plan Opting Out Act — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 214 Matrimonial Property (Division of Property on Death) Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms Graham
- Bill 219 Alberta Commission on the Status of Men Act — Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Yankowsky

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

- Bill 33 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 34 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 35 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cao

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated March 22, 2003, from Elizabeth Anne Hayward to Sirs and Mesdames expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting the Government increase funding

Sessional Paper 238/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 12, 2003, from Dennis C. Floate of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to further commercial development of the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 239/2003

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

Document entitled “Key Messages” from the Zone 23 MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Meeting between MLAs and school boards on March 21, 2003

Sessional Paper 240/2003

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

Copy of a petition signed by 202 Albertans urging the Government to immediately reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 241/2003

Letter dated February 23, 2003, from Shirley Clarke of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 242/2003

Letter, undated, from Nadia A. Munarolo-Kurjata of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 243/2003

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

Document dated March 24, 2003, entitled “Liberal Record-Time Allocation and Closure” setting out the number of times time allocation and closure have been used in the House of Commons from the 1st Session of the 35th Parliament to the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament

Sessional Paper 244/2003

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

3 postcards signed by Stacey Pelechaty, S. Dobrotsky, and Anna Nascimento, all of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 245/2003

2 postcards signed by Robin Roy and Carla Spinola, both of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 246/2003

2 postcards signed by Val West and Mario Nascimento, both of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to education issues

Sessional Paper 247/2003

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

E-mail message dated March 24, 2003, from Barbara Toombs to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing opposition to Alberta's support of the United States of America's involvement in the war with Iraq

Sessional Paper 248/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing disappointment with the Government's decision not to endorse the Vision, Principle and Fiscal Framework, developed by the Government and Alberta municipalities

Sessional Paper 249/2003

Document dated March 19, 2003, outlining details of a ruling by Judge Allen Schwartz, United States Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, concerning Talisman Energy's motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought against them on behalf of southern Sudanese plaintiffs

Sessional Paper 250/2003

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

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Charles B. Davison of Edmonton to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, and Hon. Bill Graham, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressing support for Canada's decision not to become involved in the conflict between the United States of America and Iraq

Sessional Paper 251/2003

Letter, undated, signed by 139 Albertans, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Mr. Klein sending a letter of support to His Excellency Paul Cellucci, United States Ambassador to Canada, concerning the conflict between the United States of America and Iraq

Sessional Paper 252/2003

10 e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the conflict between the United States of America and Iraq and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, sending a letter of support to His Excellency Paul Cellucci, United States Ambassador to Canada, concerning the conflict between the United States of America and Iraq

Sessional Paper 253/2003

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ11, WQ12.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR12, MR13.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas

#### **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 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

After some time spent therein, the question was put on the clauses of Bill 203, School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

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| Ady       | Horner     | McFarland |
| Cao       | Jablonski  | O'Neill   |
| Carlson   | Lukaszuk   | Renner    |
| DeLong    | Marz       | Strang    |
| Dunford   | Maskell    | Taft      |
| Evans     | Massey     | Taylor    |
| Griffiths | Masyk      | Zwozdesky |
| Herard    | McClelland |           |

Against the motion: 18

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| Broda   | Haley    | Ouellette  |
| Cenaiko | Jonson   | Snelgrove  |
| Forsyth | Knight   | Stelmach   |
| Friedel | Lougheed | Stevens    |
| Graham  | Melchin  | Tarchuk    |
| Graydon | Norris   | Vandermeer |

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 203 School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. McFarland

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

505. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an organization similar to the Clean Air Strategic Alliance for Alberta's water supply to ensure that Alberta's water supply is maintained at the highest standards possible.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

## Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy 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 Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

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| Ady      | Hlady      | Norris     |
| Broda    | Horner     | O'Neill    |
| Cenaiko  | Jablonski  | Ouellette  |
| Coutts   | Johnson    | Renner     |
| Ducharme | Jonson     | Snelgrove  |
| Dunford  | Knight     | Stelmach   |
| Evans    | Lougheed   | Stevens    |
| Forsyth  | Lukaszuk   | Strang     |
| Friedel  | Masyk      | Taylor     |
| Graham   | McClelland | Vandermeer |
| Graydon  | McFarland  | Zwozdesky  |
| Herard   |            |            |

Against the motion: 6

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| Blakeman | Carlson   | Mason |
| Bonner   | MacDonald | Nicol |

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy 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 Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

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| Ady      | Herard     | O'Neill    |
| Broda    | Hlady      | Ouellette  |
| Cenaiko  | Horner     | Renner     |
| Coutts   | Jablonski  | Snelgrove  |
| Ducharme | Jonson     | Stelmach   |
| Dunford  | Knight     | Stevens    |
| Evans    | Lougheed   | Strang     |
| Forsyth  | Lukaszuk   | Taylor     |
| Friedel  | McClelland | Vandermeer |
| Graham   | McFarland  | Zwozdesky  |
| Graydon  | Norris     |            |

Against the motion: 6

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| Blakeman | Carlson   | Mason |
| Bonner   | MacDonald | Nicol |

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 9:44 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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



Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:46 p.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) 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

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| Ady      | Hlady      | Norris     |
| Broda    | Horner     | Ouellette  |
| Cenaiko  | Jablonski  | Renner     |
| Coutts   | Johnson    | Smith      |
| Ducharme | Jonson     | Snelgrove  |
| Dunford  | Knight     | Stelmach   |
| Evans    | Lougheed   | Stevens    |
| Forsyth  | Lukaszuk   | Strang     |
| Friedel  | Masyk      | Taylor     |
| Graham   | McClelland | Vandermeer |
| Graydon  | McFarland  | Zwozdesky  |
| Herard   |            |            |

Against the motion: 5

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| Blakeman | Carlson   | Mason |
| Bonner   | MacDonald |       |

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:58 p.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:58 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

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

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 254/2003

Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 255/2003

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 11:00 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:02 a.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

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| Ady      | Hlady      | Norris     |
| Broda    | Horner     | Ouellette  |
| Cenaiko  | Jablonski  | Renner     |
| Coutts   | Johnson    | Smith      |
| Ducharme | Jonson     | Snelgrove  |
| Dunford  | Knight     | Stelmach   |
| Evans    | Lougheed   | Stevens    |
| Forsyth  | Lukaszuk   | Strang     |
| Friedel  | Masyk      | Taylor     |
| Graham   | McClelland | Vandermeer |
| Graydon  | McFarland  | Zwozdesky  |
| Herard   |            |            |

Against the motion: 4

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| Blakeman | Carlson | Mason |
| Bonner   |         |       |

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:15 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 24, 2003, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:15 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

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 3 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on March 19, 2003) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 256/2003

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:17 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 24, 2003