



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 22

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Bob Clark, recent recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, for his service to Alberta over the past 32 years

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Fans at the March 22, 2003 Calgary Flames and March 23, 2003 Edmonton Oilers hockey games for their positive response to the American national anthem

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Davis Cup event organized by Tennis Canada to be held in Calgary, April 4-6, 2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World Theatre Day, March 27, 2003

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Magrath Zeniths on winning the 2003 4A Boys' Provincial Basketball Championship

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Youth Forum held in Red Deer on March 26, 2003

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Quinn Grundy, an Albertan attending an international school in India, and her classmates for writing and recording a song about peace in reaction to the conflict in Iraq

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans requesting an increase in provincial public education funding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 proposed Notices of Amendment to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, dated March 4, 2003 and March 12, 2003, prepared by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar

Sessional Paper 279/2003

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

Presentation to Alberta's Commission on Learning, prepared by Steven Brodie

Sessional Paper 280/2003

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

Letter dated March 21, 2003, from Dr. Francis Landy of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the impact of education under-funding at Dr. Landy's son's school, and requesting a response to an attached letter dated February 9, 2003, from Dr. Landy to Dr. Oberg

Sessional Paper 281/2003

Letter dated March 19, 2003, from Marcia Barker of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education funding and requesting the Government re-evaluate how funds are allocated to school boards

Sessional Paper 282/2003

E-mail message dated March 20, 2003, from Janet Haley Sperling of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and education funding

Sessional Paper 283/2003

E-mail message dated March 13, 2003, from Denise Palmer of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Labour Relations (Regional Health Authorities Restructuring) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 284/2003

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

Pamphlet entitled “Public Education, The Right Answer” prepared by the Zone 23 school boards

Sessional Paper 285/2003

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

49 letters dated March 21, 2003, from parents of children attending King Edward Elementary School to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding to the Edmonton Public School Board resulting from the Government’s decision not to fully fund the 2002 arbitrated teachers’ settlement

Sessional Paper 286/2003

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from the Board of the Strathcona Nursery School to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding a proposed rent increase in their facility, located in King Edward Elementary School, because of funding shortfalls faced by King Edward Elementary School

Sessional Paper 287/2003

Letter dated March 17, 2003, from Heather Craig, teacher, Strathcona Nursery School, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and Svend Hansen, Vice Chairman, Edmonton Public School Board, requesting a review of a proposed change to lease rate categories that would classify preschools and daycares together

Sessional Paper 288/2003

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

Letter dated February 12, 2003, from Linda Hughes of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting a response to an attached letter dated February 8, 2003, from Ms Hughes to Dr. Oberg, expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 289/2003

Media release dated March 25, 2003, entitled “UNA (United Nurses of Alberta) demands RHA (Regional Health Authority) CEO (Chief Executive Officer) be fired - Misleading statements to MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) not consistent with position of responsibility” prepared by Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, and letter dated March 25, 2003, from Ms Smith to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Ernie Isley, Chair, Board of Directors, Lakeland Regional Health Authority, requesting Pearl Babiuk, CEO, Lakeland Regional Health Authority, be removed from office

Sessional Paper 290/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purposes of reconsidering the proposed section 1 and proposed section 20.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill will leave consumers vulnerable to entrenched high natural gas prices without consumer protection.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 4

Bonner
Carlson

Massey

Pannu

Against the amendment: 38

Amery	Graydon	Marz
Boutilier	Griffiths	Maskell
Broda	Haley	McClellan
Calahasen	Hancock	Nelson
Cardinal	Hlady	Oberg
Coutts	Hutton	Ouellette
DeLong	Jablonski	Pham
Doerksen	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Dunford	Klapstein	Smith
Fritz	Knight	VanderBurg
Gordon	Kryczka	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Magnus	Yankowsky
Graham	Mar	

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on behalf of Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 19, Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

The question being put on the amendment to Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, introduced by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on March 26, 2003, the amendment was defeated.

A debate followed on the main motion.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Electric Utilities Act, be not now read a Third time because it is the Assembly’s view that the Bill will leave consumers vulnerable to spikes in electricity prices.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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: 33

Amery	Graydon	Maskell
Broda	Griffiths	McClellan
Calahasen	Hancock	Melchin
Cao	Hutton	Nelson
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberg
Coutts	Jacobs	Pham
DeLong	Klapstein	Rathgeber
Dunford	Knight	Strang
Evans	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	Woloshyn
Graham	Marz	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 3

Blakeman	MacDonald	Mason
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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Electric Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 26, 2003