



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Tuesday, April 8, 2003

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 1st anniversary of the Member for Wainwright elected on April 8, 2002.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Immigrants of Distinction Awards presented by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards night on April 5, 2003.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement congratulating the members of Nickelback, Chad Kroeger, Mike Kroeger, Ryan Peake, and Ryan Vikedal on winning a 2003 Juno Award.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding proposed well sites in the Hastings Lake area.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated March 27, 2003, from Tina Dmytryshyn, J.A. Fife School Council, to Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, attaching 125 letters dated March 26, 2003, from parents of students at J.A. Fife School, expressing concern regarding the impact of public education under-funding

Sessional Paper 316/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

3 recent letters from Garry Dearing, Reeve, County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, His Worship Don Montgomery, Mayor, City of Wetaskiwin, and Her Worship Laurie Linaker, Mayor, Town of Millet, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Final Report of the 2002/2003 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, proposing the Town of Millet be re-allocated to a new Calmar-Drayton Valley-Millet constituency

Sessional Paper 317/2003

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Copy of a petition signed by 100 Drayton Valley residents requesting the Government de-insure abortion

Sessional Paper 318/2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated March 20, 2003, from His Worship Dave Bronconnier, Mayor, City of Calgary, expressing support for Bill 206, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003

Sessional Paper 319/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 4, 2003, from R.J. (Bob) Gray, General Manager, Edmonton Klondike Days Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the effect of increased electricity costs on their non-profit organization

Sessional Paper 320/2003

Letter dated November 21, 2002, from Wendy Sauvé of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding, and requesting clarification on, the distribution of Alberta lottery funds

Sessional Paper 321/2003

News release dated February 15, 2002, entitled "Leaked Document Reveals Plot to Undermine the Alberta Government's Tobacco Control Strategy" prepared by ASH (Action on Smoking and Health)

Sessional Paper 322/2003

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

Letter dated February 25, 2003, from B.A. Baer of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government further invest in healthcare, and public and post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 323/2003

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 324/2003

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:48 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003 — 3:30 P.M.

### **Budget Address**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (Members standing).

### **Government Motions**

**18.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2003-04 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2003-04 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates  
Sessional Paper 325/2003

2003-04 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates  
Sessional Paper 326/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget Fiscal Plan  
Sessional Paper 327/2003

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Alberta 2003 Budget Business Plans  
Sessional Paper 328/2003

**19.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Ms Carlson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:06 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

**19.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, entitled the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by adding the following after "February 19, 2003":

“, with the exception of the Report’s recommendation to remove one electoral division from the City of Edmonton.”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Masyk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:26 p.m. until Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 8, 2003