



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 26

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove Junior B Regals for winning the 2003 Provincial Hockey Championship

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Dr. Yoshio Senda, recipient of a 2002 Sport Volunteer Recognition Award by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Michael Kostek who is celebrating 50 years of service with the Edmonton Public School Board

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Stirling High School Lakers for winning the 1A Boys Provincial Basketball Championship

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Maurice Kruk and Chris Dowhan, co-chairs of the Radway and District Friends of Stars 2003 fundraising effort which raised \$40,000

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Alberta Seniors' Week, June 1-7, 2003

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Métis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 329/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Corporate Business Plan 2003/2004-2005/2006
Sessional Paper 330/2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

26 recent letters from Didsbury and areas residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region
Sessional Paper 331/2003

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Report dated April 2003, entitled "Generation Debt: An Investment in Education is an Investment in Alberta's Future" prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students
Sessional Paper 332/2003

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

3 postcards signed by Elizabeth Miller, R. and E. Hoffpauir, and Sherry Norris, all of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding
Sessional Paper 333/2003

Postcard signed by Margaret Ritchie of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes
Sessional Paper 334/2003

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

E-mail message dated April 2, 2003, from Sharman Armfield to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding inadequate education funding and its effect on student literacy levels
Sessional Paper 335/2003

News release dated April 8, 2003, entitled “Numbers impressive but they’re an illusion” with attached report dated April 9, 2003, entitled “FASTreport, The Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta” both prepared by the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 336/2003

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

Letter dated March 14, 2003, from Lynda Wignall and Colleen Huston, both of Calgary to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, requesting benefits for SFI (Supports for Independence) and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) be immediately increased

Sessional Paper 337/2003

News release dated September 13, 2000, entitled “Province announces major cuts for business and property taxes” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 338/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

\$36,296,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Auditor General

\$17,305,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

Office of the Ombudsman

\$1,958,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

\$1,994,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

\$387,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$3,293,000 Operating Expense

Revenue

\$45,373,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

\$167,833,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

\$58,700,000 Capital Investment

\$21,430,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Motions

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:58 p.m. until Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 9, 2003