



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 36

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

---

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta Energy Management Program.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 7th annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards presented by Suncor Energy Inc. held on April 24, 2003 in Calgary.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 29, 2003.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding a ceremony held on the Legislature grounds in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 29, 2003.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

2 reports, the first dated April 28, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects, 2003-2005 Major Provincial Highway Projects" and the second dated February 25, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects, 2003-2005 Water Management Projects" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 420/2003

Report dated March 27, 2003, entitled "Tentative Major Construction and Rehabilitation Projects Previously Tabled in 2001-2003 Program and Still Deferred Beyond 2005" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 421/2003

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

American Scientist Magazine article dated March-April 1996, entitled "Reward Deficiency Syndrome" prepared by Kenneth Blum, John G. Cull, Eric R. Braverman, and David E. Comings

Sessional Paper 422/2003

Discover Magazine article dated May 2003, entitled "The End of Craving: A controversial new drug seems to stop addiction cold" prepared by Michael Abrams

Sessional Paper 423/2003

Journal of the American Medical Association dated July 26, 2000, entitled "Is U.S. Health Really the Best in the World?" prepared by Barbara Starfield, M.D., M.P.H.

Sessional Paper 424/2003

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

Letter dated April 11, 2003, from Murray McNeil, Chair, Petroleum Services Association of Canada, Chief Executive Officer, United Safety Ltd.; Art Hibbard, Director, Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors, Vice President, Contracts, Phelps Drilling Co.; Ross D.S. Douglas, Board Governor, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers; and Mike Doyle, President, Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the recommendations for dealing with long-standing contentious Workers' Compensation Board claims contained in the Report of the MLA Service Review Committee

Sessional Paper 425/2003

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

Program from the Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony held in Edmonton on April 28, 2003

Sessional Paper 426/2003

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Alice L. Williamson of Red Deer to Alberta Environment, objecting to the approval of an application by Capstone Energy Ltd. for a licence to annually divert water from the Red Deer River for oil well injection

Sessional Paper 427/2003

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

Postcard signed by Lisa McDermott of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 428/2003

Postcard signed by Alyssa Stryker of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and requesting an increase in education funding

Sessional Paper 429/2003

Postcard signed by A. Espinaco-Virseda, Sr. of Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding class sizes and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 430/2003

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

Report dated December 2001, entitled "Canada-United States Softwood Lumber Trade, Alberta Summary of Forest Policy Discussions" prepared by the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 431/2003

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Erratum to the Government Services 2003-06 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 432/2003

## **Point of Privilege**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 28, 2003.

### **Speaker's Statement - Point of Privilege**

The issue to be considered is whether certain comments by the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar have obstructed or interfered with the Member for Edmonton-Glenora's ability to perform his duties or, alternately, whether the dignity and authority of the Assembly have been offended. The Chair would refer Members to Chapter 3 of Marleau and Montpetit.

After hearing from the Member for Edmonton-Glenora and prior to hearing submissions on the purported point of privilege from other speakers, the Chair may wish to caution Members that the issue for discussion today pertains to the question of privilege raised by the Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

The Chair will not allow a reiteration of the discussion that transpired yesterday afternoon. The Chair ruled that that purported question of privilege did not meet the test for a prima facie question of privilege. That concluded the matter.

As this is primarily an issue between the two Members, and as the Chair does not intend to revisit yesterday's debate, the Chair, under the provisions of Standing Order 15(6), will allow the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar to participate, will allow the Government House Leader to participate, will allow the Opposition House Leader to participate, and will judge later at the conclusion of their remarks whether other speakers will be recognized as well.

### **Point of Privilege - Request by Mr. MacDonald**

Mr. MacDonald requested the matter be deferred until the following day. The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Carlson concerning the request and agreed to defer the matter to April 30, 2003.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 14 — 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. Klapstein 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:

**Health and Wellness**

\$7,343,791,000 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:11 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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:

**Government Services**

\$231,158,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Bill 26 Corrections Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

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

Mr. Klapstein, 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 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 433/2003

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 434/2003

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:24 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

---

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 29, 2003