



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 42

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, May 8, 2003

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding economic growth in Edmonton and Calgary.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to participate in this Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding energy deregulation.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the ranking of schools.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Mental Health Week, May 5-11, 2003.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ducharme, Deputy Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee - Part One, dated May 8, 2003, recommending the appointment of Donald M. Hamilton as Ethics Commissioner

Sessional Paper 485/2003

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 178 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 270 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 12, 2003:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an immediate and thorough public review, entirely independent of Government and industry, into the failure of electricity deregulation to deliver fair and reasonable electricity rates for individuals, farms, businesses, municipalities, and public institutions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 42 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Ms Carlson on March 10, 2003:

All reports respecting the fish populations, including the populations of walleye and pike, and the general environmental health of Calling Lake prior to and after the April 1, 2002 start of the pilot project which allows approximately two-thirds of Calling Lake to be opened for the harvest of walleye and pike.

Sessional Paper 486/2003

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

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the process used to recommend a candidate for the position of Ethics Commissioner

Sessional Paper 487/2003

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

Letter, undated, from Darlene Vinge and letter dated February 26, 2003, from Dave Vinge, both of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding the impact of public education under-funding

Sessional Paper 488/2003

Letter dated March 24, 2003, from Ruby Stone of Edmonton to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting the Government fully fund the imposed arbitrated teachers' salary settlement

Sessional Paper 489/2003

Letter dated February 24, 2003, from Brenda Lemoine, HELP (Help Education, Listen to Parents), to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding education funding shortfalls

Sessional Paper 490/2003

Letter dated March 17, 2003, from Victor Dorian of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding insufficient education funding

Sessional Paper 491/2003

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

E-mail message dated May 7, 2003, with the writer's name blanked out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the high cost of utilities due to deregulation

Sessional Paper 492/2003

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

Letter dated May 7, 2003, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the failure of electricity deregulation

Sessional Paper 493/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 494/2003

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 12 to May 15, 2003:

Monday, May 12	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24)
		Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
		Revert to Introduction of Bills
		Bill 40
		Second Reading
		Bill 42
		Third Reading
		Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, May 13

Aft. - **Private Bills**
Third Reading
Bill Pr1, Pr2
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 39, 40
Committee of the Whole
Bill 42
Third Reading
Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31,
34, 35
And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Motions**
Motion 20
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 40
Committee of the Whole
Bill 39, 42
Third Reading
Bill 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31,
34, 35
And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 14

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 39, 42
And as per progress Tuesday
And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bill 40

Third Reading

Bill 39, 42

And as per progress Wednesday
afternoon

Government Motions

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 15

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 40

Government Motions

And as per the Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an immediate and thorough public review, entirely independent of Government and industry, into the failure of electricity deregulation to deliver fair and reasonable electricity rates for individuals, farms, businesses, municipalities, and public institutions.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 23 — 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. Lougheed 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:

Sustainable Resource Development

\$191,698,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases
\$3,200,000 Capital Investment

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 8, 2003