



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 47

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Mr. Dick Johnston, Member for Lethbridge-East, 1975 to 1993, who passed away on June 25, 2003, Mr. Gordon Taylor, Member for Drumheller, 1940 to 1979, who passed away on July 26, 2003, Mr. Lewis Mitchell Clark, Member for Drumheller, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on September 10, 2003, and Mr. Richard Herbert Jamieson, Member for Jasper-West, 1959 to 1963, who passed away on September 15, 2003.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimos on winning their 12th Grey Cup on November 16, 2003 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Hon. Mr. Klein also congratulated the people of Regina for hosting a very successful Grey Cup week.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to participate in this Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding Hazel McGregor of Lacombe, recipient of the Doreen Befus Award as the 2003 outstanding self-advocate for adults with developmental disabilities, sponsored by the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Central Alberta Community Board.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding family violence and the creation of the family violence roundtable announced by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding wrestling legend Stu Hart of Calgary who passed away on October 16, 2003.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding education funding.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,003 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Point of Privilege

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. VanderBurg

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 49 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 50 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Strang

Bill 51 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 2003 —
Mr. VanderBurg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 18, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Hugh Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Eskimos Football Club, congratulating the entire Edmonton Eskimo organization on winning the 2003 Grey Cup

Sessional Paper 616/2003

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report, 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 617/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copy of a petition signed by 5,255 Albertans requesting the repair and restoration of the Michener Centre Administrative Building

Sessional Paper 618/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Postcard prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus as part of a campaign against the 42% increase in long-term care facility fees and its effect on seniors

Sessional Paper 619/2003

Letter dated July 16, 2003, from B. Kay of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, protesting the Government's intention to increase long-term care facility fees by 42%

Sessional Paper 620/2003

E-mail message dated June 19, 2003, from Margaret Griffith of Montana to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effect an increase in long-term care facility fees will have on her mother, who lives in Alberta

Sessional Paper 621/2003

E-mail message dated August 27, 2003, from Deanna Summy of Alberta to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the cost of long-term care and the difficulty in obtaining respite care for her husband

Sessional Paper 622/2003

E-mail message dated May 16, 2003, from Michael James of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding his wife losing her job as a teacher

Sessional Paper 623/2003

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

Petition signed by 48 Albertans requesting an increase in income support and medical benefits, requesting that low income programs be consolidated, and requesting the implementation of the Market Basket Measure

Sessional Paper 624/2003

Request for Proposal #03-02, dated August 2003, entitled "Consumer Protection/Customer Choice Campaign: Electricity and Natural Gas, Notice of Competition" prepared by the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau and Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 625/2003

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

Document undated, entitled "Two Year Comparison of September 30 Core Class Sizes in Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta Learning Grade Ranges and Two Year Comparison of September 30 Core Class Sizes in Edmonton Public Schools, Learning Commission Grade Ranges"

Sessional Paper 626/2003

News release dated November 13, 2003, entitled "Trustees call for immediate direction of surplus funds to classrooms" prepared by Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Sessional Paper 627/2003

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

Revised draft dated September 12, 2003, of a report dated September 2003, entitled "Report and Recommendations on Consumer Concerns" prepared by the Advisory Council on Electricity

Sessional Paper 628/2003

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated October 23, 2003, from Nancy Hamilton of Edmonton to Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern and offering recommendations regarding the Learning Commission's report released on October 7, 2003

Sessional Paper 629/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-2, s 4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer, Twenty-sixth Annual Report for the Calendar Year 2002

Sessional Paper 630/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 631/2003

Point of Privilege

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Minister of Infrastructure's knowledge of test results for toxic mold at the Holy Cross Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requested that the matter be heard the following day. The Speaker agreed to defer the matter to November 19, 2003.

During the purported point of privilege Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Information package containing copies of several e-mail messages relating to the point of privilege raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview
Sessional Paper 632/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 38 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Lougheed

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 633/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 37 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 36 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Minister of Environment) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 634/2003

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:40 p.m. until Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 18, 2003