



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 52

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 16th anniversary of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development elected on November 23, 1987.

Recognitions

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Albert White Sox on winning the 60-plus National Slow-pitch Championship on August 4, 2003

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert high school students' success at winning Alberta Heritage Trust Fund scholarships and obtaining post-secondary education

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta's global health initiatives which raise awareness of global health disparities

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Town of Millet on winning the Communities in Bloom Alberta Tourism Award on November 3, 2003

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Several residents of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency for their success at the recent Canadian Finals Rodeo

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Bernie Zolner, co-producer of the musical events surrounding the Molson Canadian Heritage Classic held in Edmonton on November 22, 2003

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: United Nurses of Alberta

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 470 Albertans requesting the Government immediately extend the pavement on the north portion of Highway 867 to Highway 55.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 178 Albertans requesting legislation enabling grandparents to maintain ongoing contact with their grandchildren.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 16 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 9 Albertans urging the Government to implement the income recommendations of the 2001 MLA Review Committee on Low Income Programs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 563 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager's Report, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 737/2003

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 738/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Government of Alberta, 2002-03 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 739/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 740/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 741/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 742/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, 2002-2003 Annual Report, Section 1

Sessional Paper 743/2003

Alberta Children's Services, 2002-2003 Annual Report, Section 2

Sessional Paper 744/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 745/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Economic Development, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 746/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 747/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 748/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 749/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Finance, 2002-03 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 750/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Gaming, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 751/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 752/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2002/2003, Section I
Sessional Paper 753/2003

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2002/2003, Section II
Sessional Paper 754/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 755/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 756/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14; the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22; and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2002-2003, including the Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Foundation for Health Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research
Sessional Paper 757/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, 30th Annual Report for the year April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 758/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2002/03

Sessional Paper 759/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2002/2003

Sessional Paper 760/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 761/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Revenue, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 762/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Seniors, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 763/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Solicitor General, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 764/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, 2002-2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 765/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Transportation, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 766/2003

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Alberta 2003 Budget, First Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 767/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget, First Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 768/2003

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 769/2003

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation 2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 770/2003

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Dominique Abrioux, Ph.D, President, Athabasca University, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments
Sessional Paper 771/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from H.J. (Tom) Thompson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Olds College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments
Sessional Paper 772/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Jim Foote, President, Keyano College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments
Sessional Paper 773/2003

Letter dated November 25, 2003, from Ron Woodward, President, Red Deer College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments
Sessional Paper 774/2003

Letter dated November 26, 2003, from Bill Persley, President, Portage College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act and its proposed amendments
Sessional Paper 775/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Jennifer Pelley, Chair, Alberta Graduate Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act, subject to its proposed amendments being agreed to by the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 776/2003

Letter dated November 24, 2003, from Melanee Thomas, Executive Director, CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students), and Brett Bergie, Provincial Director, ACTISEC (Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, commenting on proposed amendments to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 777/2003

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

Report dated September 30, 2003, entitled "Bill 45, Family Law Act, 2003, Grandchild/Grandparent Access" presented by Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association to the Alberta Justice Family Law Reform Project

Sessional Paper 778/2003

5 reports discussing the importance of promoting relationships between grandparents and grandchildren

Sessional Paper 779/2003

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

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Funding Hospital Infrastructure: Why P3s Don't Work, and What Will" prepared by Lewis Auerbach, Arthur Donner, Douglas D. Peters, Monica Townson, and Armine Yalnizyan

Sessional Paper 780/2003

Information sheet, undated, regarding the Centre for Global Health and Development, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 781/2003

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

Letter dated October 26, 2003, from Claude Gould of Stony Plain to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding high automobile insurance premiums and suggesting the Government become an automobile insurance provider

Sessional Paper 782/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 625 Albertans requesting the Government reinstate natural gas rebates

Sessional Paper 783/2003

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

8 recent letters from registered nurses in Alberta to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 784/2003

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

7 recent letters from registered nurses in Alberta to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 785/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 26, 2003, from Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003, be given early consideration at Third Reading in the event the Bill is reported from Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 786/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Office of the Ombudsman, 36th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 787/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 788/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Alberta 2003 Budget, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 789/2003

Alberta 2003 Budget, Second Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 790/2003

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2003-04 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 791/2003

Government Motions

25. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, moved that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) and (2).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Debate adjourned on the motion for the previous question.

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

Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research
Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed 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:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$574,000 Operating Expense

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$2,000,000 Operating Expense

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$728,821,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Children's Services

\$864,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Community Development

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Economic Development

\$3,500,000 Operating Expense

Finance

\$1,750,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Government Services

\$600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Human Resources and Employment

\$32,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$210,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$8,040,000 Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$1,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$79,470,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Municipal Affairs

\$11,546,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$36,970,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Solicitor General

\$3,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$113,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$13,000,000 Capital Investment

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put that the question be now put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Abbott	Dunford	Knight
Ady	Gordon	Lougheed
Amery	Goudreau	Lund
Broda	Graydon	McClellan
Calahasen	Griffiths	McClelland
Cao	Hancock	Oberg
Cenaiko	Hlady	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Stelmach
DeLong	Jacobs	Taylor
Doerksen	Johnson	VanderBurg
Ducharme		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner		

During Second reading consideration of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells to one minute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Second reading of Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Abbott	Dunford	Lougheed
Ady	Gordon	Lund
Amery	Goudreau	McClellan
Broda	Graydon	McClelland
Calahasen	Griffiths	Melchin
Cao	Hancock	Oberg
Cenaiko	Hlady	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Stelmach
DeLong	Jacobs	Taylor
Doerksen	Johnson	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Knight	

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Carlson	Mason
Bonner		

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

Bill 53 Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Mr. Renner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Thursday, November 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 26, 2003