



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 53

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Thursday, November 27, 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 Member Mr. John McInnis, Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, 1989 to 1993, who passed away on November 26, 2003.

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, made a statement regarding the Government's Water for Life Strategy.

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

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

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Natural Luge Track World Championship races to be held January 2-4, 2004, at the Smoky River Hill in Debolt.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Bonnyville White Ribbon Campaign, November 25 to December 26, raising the awareness of men's violence against women.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Learning Commission Report and the need to provide an improved school funding formula.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding Government changes to seniors programs and their effect on Alberta seniors.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 570 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 441 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 353 Calgary residents regarding increasing the per pupil grant to maintain public education with public funds.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 432 Albertans regarding reductions in teaching staff, large class sizes, and the elimination of programs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 340 Albertans requesting the Government consider splitting the budget surplus between the monetary debt and the infrastructure debt.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, December 1, 2003:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 792/2003

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003  
Sessional Paper 793/2003

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 794/2003

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization Limited, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 795/2003

Authorized Accredited Agencies Annual Report Activity Summary, Reporting Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 796/2003

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Information booklet dated 2002-2003 with attached 2004 calendar, both prepared by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research  
Sessional Paper 797/2003

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Water for Life, Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability" with attached pamphlet entitled "Water for Life," both prepared by the Government of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 798/2003

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 27, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, requesting Dr. Taylor consider the implications of the pre-feasibility study regarding the proposed Milk River Dam, with attached 93 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the proposed the Milk River Dam  
Sessional Paper 799/2003

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

Letter dated November 6, 2003, from Laurie Reid, R.N., B.ScN., to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 800/2003

4 recent letters from registered nurses in Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 801/2003

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

2 charts, undated, the first entitled "Edson Residential EPCOR Rates" and the second entitled "Edson Residential ATCO Gas Rate"

Sessional Paper 802/2003

Letter dated March 18, 2003, from Pamela Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to utility deregulation with 2 attached Edmonton Journal articles, undated, entitled "Natural gas prices could fall - Smith" and "Gas prices have shot up because of supply, demand and politics"

Sessional Paper 803/2003

3 recent letters from L. Watt of Claresholm, Alan Besecker, R.N. and Mary Gordon, R.N., B.ScN., of Edmonton, and Tim Graham, R.N., of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 804/2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated September 5, 2003, entitled "Background Brief in Support of Letter of Request for Audit of Long Term Care Facilities in Alberta" prepared by Bev McKay of Cochrane on behalf of 12 concerned citizens, submitted to the Auditor General of Alberta

Sessional Paper 805/2003

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

Letter dated October 22, 2003, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting the establishment of a tribunal to examine long-standing Workers' Compensation claims, in particular, the case of Kenneth Dombrosky, with several attached background documents relating to Mr. Dombrosky's claim

Sessional Paper 806/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 recent letters from registered nurses in Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 807/2003

E-mail message dated July 28, 2003, from Tim Peterson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding increases in auto insurance rates

Sessional Paper 808/2003

E-mail message dated July 10, 2003, from Janice MacNeill of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the high cost of her son's auto insurance and the regulations relating to auto insurance

Sessional Paper 809/2003

Text of an e-mail message dated October 16, 2003, from Kristian Vacing of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed \$4,000 cap on soft tissue injuries

Sessional Paper 810/2003

Letter dated June 15, 2003, from Bennett Moore of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding an increase in the number of people driving without insurance and suggesting the Government adopt the system used in Queensland, Australia

Sessional Paper 811/2003

E-mail message dated October 16, 2003, from Jeff Fixsen of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed cap on soft tissue injuries

Sessional Paper 812/2003

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

3 recent letters from Ross and Yelena Pambrun, Donna Maxwell, R.N., and Angela Krizan, B.N., R.N., all of Calgary, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 813/2003

Letter dated October 8, 2003, from Susan Kean, B.N., R.N., of Fort McMurray to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 814/2003

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Copy of a petition signed by 45 Hastings Lake and area residents requesting that gas wells in the area be tested before and after drilling to ensure the quality and quantity of potable water

Sessional Paper 815/2003

Document dated November 21, 2003, listing background information regarding a court case between the Workers' Compensation Board and Randy Wolfert versus Thomas Shuchuk

Sessional Paper 816/2003

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 817/2003

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 818/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, Annual Report 2002

Sessional Paper 819/2003

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 820/2003

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 821/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-8, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 822/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 823/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Social Work Profession Act, cS-13, s5(4):

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 824/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report  
2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 825/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-36, s7(2):

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 826/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Memorandum dated July 22, 2003, from Norman C. Peterson, Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, to Hon.  
Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, regarding an Edmonton Northlands violation  
Sessional Paper 827/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant  
to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2002-2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 828/2003

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant  
to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2002 Annual Review  
Sessional Paper 829/2003

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Taft, Acting 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. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of December 1 to December 4, 2003:

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| Monday, December 1    | 9:00 p.m. | - <b>Government Motions</b><br>Motion 27, 28<br><b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bill 44, 50, 51, 54<br>And as per the Order Paper   |
| Tuesday, December 2   | Aft.      | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Third Reading</b><br>Bill 54<br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bill 53<br><b>Second Reading</b><br>Bill 46, 52<br><b>Third Reading</b><br>Bill 45, 47, 49, 53<br>And as per the Order Paper |
|                       | Eve.      | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bill 53<br><b>Third Reading</b><br>Bill 45, 47, 49, 53, 54<br>And as per the Order Paper  |
| Wednesday, December 3 | Aft.      | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Second Reading</b><br>Bill 46, 52   |



**Third Reading**

Bill 43, 44

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 38, 46, 48, 52

**Third Reading**

Bill 38, 44, 46, 48, 52

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, December 4 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole /**

**Third Reading**

Bill 53

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Mrs. Nelson

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

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

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

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

## **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 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

Mr. Johnson, 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 45 (Sections C-F, H, I, K-DD, FF-MMM) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 830/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 831/2003

Subamendment to Bill 45 (Section G) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 832/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section G) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 833/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section J) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 834/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section EE) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 835/2003

Subamendment to Bill 45 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 836/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 837/2003

Amendment to Bill 45 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 838/2003

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 54 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2003 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Mrs. Nelson

## **Adjournment**

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

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 27, 2003