



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Wednesday, February 18, 2004

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East who had served as Leader of the Official Opposition since 2001.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim 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 comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker invited Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to respond to the statement.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Battle River Rural Electrification Association

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, recently rated by ESPN Magazine as the fan favourite in the National Hockey League and the overall number one “bang for your buck” in all professional sports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Freedom to Read Week, February 22-28, 2004

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw: Construction of South Calgary High School which will be completed one year ahead of schedule

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Lac La Biche on being designated the 2004 Forest Capital of Canada by the Canadian Forestry Association

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: EPCOR, recent recipient of a 2004 National Award in Governance by the Conference Board of Canada and Spencer Stuart, recognizing innovation and excellence in board governance

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Henry Harder of Edmonton, returning officer for the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency, who passed away in November 2003

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

- Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated January 27, 2004, from Abdulahi Mahamad of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding the frequency of false sexual abuse allegations in Alberta and the impact on the falsely accused

Sessional Paper 3/2004

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

Document dated December 2002, entitled “Alberta Blue Cross Review Committee Report to the Minister” submitted to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 4/2004

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

Revised Members’ Services Committee Orders No. 2/03 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 12), and No. 3/03 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 13)

Sessional Paper 5/2004

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2) and the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2002-2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 6/2004

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2002 and 2002 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch  
Sessional Paper 7/2004

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Aspen Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 8/2004

Calgary Health Region, 2002-2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 9/2004

Capital Health, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 10/2004

Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 11/2004

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 12/2004

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2002 to March 2003  
Sessional Paper 13/2004

East Central Health, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 14/2004

Headwaters Health Authority, 2002-2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 15/2004

Health Authority 5, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 16/2004

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 17/2004

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 18/2004

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 19/2004

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 2002/2003  
Sessional Paper 20/2004

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 21/2004

Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 22/2004

Peace Health Region, Annual Report 2002/2003  
Sessional Paper 23/2004

WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 24/2004

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 Optometrists, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 25/2004

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 2001-2002, 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 26/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 27/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000  
Sessional Paper 28/2004

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 29/2004

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 30/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2002-2003  
Sessional Paper 31/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 32/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 33/2004

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## **Government Motions**

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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A debate followed.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 18, 2004