



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) educational seminar held February 23, 2004 to develop positive working relationships between union representatives and Government officials and legislators

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Dr. Gary McPherson, C.M., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Kimberley Evanochko of Calgary on her achievements in speed skating during the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 16-21, 2004

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition: Teachers attending the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention, February 26-27, 2004

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Pierre Lueders and Giulio Zardo on winning the gold medal at the 2004 two-man World Bobsleigh Championship in Königssee, Germany on February 22, 2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Dr. Robert Lampard and his son Jeffrey who, on August 2, 2003, led a group of Rotarians on the first documented climb to the peak of Mount Davidson, convened a meeting, and honoured James Wheeler Davidson, an explorer and former Rotarian after whom the mountain is named

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, Local 1900 which recently signed their first collective agreement with Craig Media and A-Channel Edmonton

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-3, s64(5):

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visit 2003" prepared by John Church, Ph.D., P.Ag., Leader, Livestock Welfare Unit
Sessional Paper 61/2004

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

Report of Alberta's Endangered Species Conservation Committee dated June 2002
Sessional Paper 62/2004

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

Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifest, April 1 to June 30, 2002, prepared by Alberta Infrastructure
Sessional Paper 63/2004

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ15 asked for by Dr. Taft on behalf of Dr. Nicol on November 24, 2003:

Why has the number of pheasants released under a lease agreement between the Brooks Pheasant Hatchery and the Pheasants Unlimited, administered by the Department of Infrastructure, not met the 15,000 pheasant release requirement, what are the terms of the lease agreement, and what happens when the lease expires?

Sessional Paper 64/2004

Alberta Infrastructure Aircraft Request for a flight from Edmonton to Calgary on April 4, 2002, submitted by the Department of Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 65/2004

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

Copy of a speech, undated, to be delivered at the Education at a Crossroads meeting, prepared by Christien Gould of Morinville

Sessional Paper 66/2004

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

Letter to the Editor of the Eckville Echo dated January 14, 2004, entitled "Government dishonest about reasons for deregulation" prepared by Herman Schwenk, Coronation Past President, Alberta Rural Electrification Association

Sessional Paper 67/2004

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

Letter dated February 25, 2004, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Mr. Klein's recent comments concerning the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 68/2004

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 (Members standing).

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 69/2004

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 70/2004

2003-04 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 71/2004

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) 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.

9. 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 (No. 2) 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 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

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

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

Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Loughheed 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:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$1,750,000 Operating Expense

Health and Wellness

\$6,167,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$6,350,000 Capital Investment

Human Resources and Employment

\$28,680,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$35,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Innovation and Science

\$1,550,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$14,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Revenue

\$875,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$10,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$14,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 25, 2004