



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, March 11, 2004

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 7th anniversary of 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Canadian Agriculture Safety Week, March 10-17, 2004.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 53rd annual Easter Seals March of Dimes campaign in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding public accounts committees.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding health care funding.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 15, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ2, WQ3, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ32.

Motions for Returns MR1, MR2, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR20, MR22, MR32, MR33.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its opposition to the way the Government handled the crisis surrounding bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), particularly for cow-calf producers and backgrounders, and that the Assembly hereby establish a Special Select Standing Committee, which must report to the Legislative Assembly no later than May 31, 2004, and which has the power to send for persons, papers, and records, sit jointly with other Standing Committees, and print evidence to examine the BSE aid packages and to determine who received the money.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Documents provided to the Liberal Opposition regarding the power purchase option 1999-2000 through a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) request

Sessional Paper 123/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated March 11, 2004, entitled "Ag report shows no unfair packer pricing because of BSE" with attached report dated March 2004, entitled "Review of Pricing in the Beef Industry," both prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 124/2004

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

Document, undated, entitled "Retail Beef Prices, December 2001, 2002, 2003" prepared with information taken from the Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development web site

Sessional Paper 125/2004

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

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on March 10, 2004, by
Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition
Sessional Paper 126/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 15 to 18, 2004:

Monday, March 15	Aft.	- Introduction of Bills Bill 21, 22, 23
	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 20 Committee of the Whole Bill 18, 19 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 16	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Interim Supply Message Government Motions Motion 11, 12 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 20, 21, 22, 23 Third Reading Bill 16 Committee of the Whole Bill 17, 18 And as per the Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Interim Estimates (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 17	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 17, 18, 20 Second Reading / Committee of the Whole Bill 21, 22, 23 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Interim Estimates (Day 2 of 2) Committee of the Whole Bill 21, 22, 23 Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 18	Aft.	- Introduction of Bills Bill 24 Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 21, 22, 23 Third Reading Bill 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 And as per the Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein
- 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans
- 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
- 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
- 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

- 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk
- 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland
- 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 11, 2004