



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 5-21, 2004.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding an application by Compton Petroleum for sour gas well drilling in southeast Calgary.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the loss of funding for seniors' benefits.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the achievements of long-term care staff and facilities.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the universal optical and dental benefits program for seniors.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ernest Chauvet, Provincial President, Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, offering congratulations on the Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie ceremony held in the Legislature rotunda on March 16, 2004

Sessional Paper 143/2004

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

Excerpt from an article dated March 2004, entitled "A time to reap - Re-investing in Alberta's Public Services" outlining a graph regarding provincial health care spending, prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 144/2004

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

Letter dated March 10, 2004, unsigned, from D.G. Currie, M.D., F.R.C.P.C., D.A.B.E.M., Regional Clinical Department Head, Emergency Medicine, Calgary Health Region, to Kathy Bryant of Calgary, regarding her mother's visit to the Foothills Medical Centre emergency department on February 19, 2004

Sessional Paper 145/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Women and Non-Standard Work: A Grassroots Approach" written by Jane Barter Moulaison for the Womanspace Resource Centre of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 146/2004

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

Letter dated February 20, 2004, from Marianne J. Murray of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to energy deregulation and power contracts

Sessional Paper 147/2004

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Docket No. 03-080-02, Regulatory Analysis and Development, regarding the reopening of the United States border to Canadian beef products

Sessional Paper 148/2004

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the universal optical and dental benefits program for seniors.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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).

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

2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly,
Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 149/2004

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. 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 2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

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 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu 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 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 23 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Minors' Property Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:09 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 2 — Interim Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the 2004-05 Interim Estimates, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Executive Council Estimates be reduced by \$3,000,000 so that the operating expense to be voted is \$3,000,000.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 4

Bonner	Massey	Taft
Mason		

Against the amendment: 34

Abbott	Goudreau	McFarland
Ady	Hancock	Melchin
Amery	Hutton	Rathgeber
Broda	Jacobs	Renner
Calahasen	Johnson	Snelgrove
Cao	Jonson	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Knight	Stevens
Danyluk	Kryczka	Strang
DeLong	Magnus	Taylor
Doerksen	Maskell	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClelland	Yankowsky
Evans		

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Strang reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Interim Estimates:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Executive Council (Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 150/2004

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 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 16, 2004