



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

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Wednesday, March 17, 2004

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of 7 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989. The Members were also presented with a 15-year pin.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2004

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Pandas hockey team on winning the 2004 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Canada's Rocky Mountain parks, ranked sixth out of 115 world destinations in the March 2004 issue of National Geographic Traveler Magazine

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Grand opening of a transitional residence in Calgary dedicated to Art Smith, founder of the Calgary Homeless Foundation

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Athletes participating in the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Championship recently held in Drayton Valley

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Great Kids Awards held on March 14, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Environmental advocate Tooker Gomberg who passed away on March 4, 2004

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 137 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

### **Notices of Motions**

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, gave oral notice of her intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Bonner

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2):

Alberta Securities Commission, 2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 151/2004

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Revenue, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003  
Sessional Paper 152/2004

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright:

Letter dated March 12, 2004, from Mayor E.R. (Ernie) Patterson, AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) President, to Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright, expressing appreciation for Mr. Griffiths' proposal in Motion Other Than Government Motion 501 to eliminate the education portion of property taxes, with attached response dated March 12, 2004, from Mr. Griffiths to Mayor Patterson

Sessional Paper 153/2004

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

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Fred J. Dunn, FCA, Auditor General of Alberta, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, responding to questions asked by Mr. Mason in a letter dated March 10, 2004, to Mr. Dunn concerning the bovine spongiform encephalopathy recovery programs

Sessional Paper 154/2004

Document dated March 3, 2004, entitled "Key Messages, NDs' (New Democrats) Public Accounts Motion" prepared by the Communications Branch, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 155/2004

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

National Geographic Traveler Magazine article dated March 2004, containing a survey entitled "Destination Scorecard" in which Canada's Rocky Mountain parks ranked sixth out of 115 world destinations

Sessional Paper 156/2004

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Report dated March 2004, entitled "Rural Alberta: Land of Opportunity" prepared by the MLA Steering Committee for Rural Development, with an attached associated news release and backgrounder

Sessional Paper 157/2004

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

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta Liberals, Our plan for public auto insurance" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 158/2004

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## 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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

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

Mr. Maskell, 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 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 159/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 160/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 161/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 162/2004

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 4:52 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein 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 an interim sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$9,700,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Auditor General**

\$4,400,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Office of the Ombudsman**

\$600,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

\$3,400,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$100,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$13,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$108,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Children's Services**

\$184,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Community Development**

\$215,100,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases  
\$200,000 Capital Investment

**Economic Development**

\$14,400,000 Operating Expense

**Energy**

\$50,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Environment**

\$30,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Executive Council**

\$6,000,000 Operating Expense

**Finance**

\$18,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$18,400,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Gaming**

\$50,500,000 Operating Expense

\$313,600,000 Lottery Fund Payments

**Government Services**

\$59,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Health and Wellness**

\$1,997,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$5,700,000 Capital Expense

**Human Resources and Employment**

\$286,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Infrastructure**

\$383,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$16,900,000 Capital Investment

**Innovation and Science**

\$46,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$6,000,000 Capital Investment

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$2,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Justice**

\$70,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Learning**

\$949,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$48,000,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Municipal Affairs**

\$29,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Revenue**

\$12,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Seniors**

\$101,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Solicitor General**

\$84,100,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$49,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$3,000,000 Capital Investment

**Transportation**

\$265,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$101,700,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 163/2004

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

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Justice (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 164/2004

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 10:19 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 17, 2004