



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, March 23, 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 Bernie and Sheila Inman and their efforts in raising awareness of workplace safety.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Alberta's outstanding athletes and sports teams.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Weldwood of Canada.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding electoral reform in certain Canadian provinces.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 119 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

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 an Order of the Legislative Assembly to call for a complete disclosure, be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by all Members of Executive Council, of all expenses incurred during travel outside the Province since March 12, 2001, and that each Member of Executive Council table receipts for those expenses in the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved, since the mandatory registration of all non-restricted firearms is an unnecessary intrusion on the property rights and cultural heritage of Albertans, fails to discourage criminal activity involving firearms, and has wasted an enormous amount of money, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recommends that the Government of Alberta urge the Government of Canada to introduce amendments to the Firearms Act (Canada) and the Criminal Code (Canada) to remove the requirement for the registration of all non-restricted firearms.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated March 23, 2004, entitled “Alberta presents views on U.S. rule to open livestock trade” prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and letter dated March 19, 2004, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Docket No. 03-080-2, United States Department of Agriculture, providing additional comments on the proposed rule “Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy: Minimal Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities” with attached comments on proposed rules dockets 03-080-1 and 03-080-2

Sessional Paper 174/2004

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated March 22, 2004, from Heil Johnson, R.Ph., M.B.A., President, Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, commenting on the recent medication errors in the Calgary Health Region and offering the Society's support and assistance to improve pharmacy services

Sessional Paper 175/2004

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 176/2004

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

Letter dated February 20, 2004, from Albert Opstad, President, Seniors United Now, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the loss of seniors' benefits

Sessional Paper 177/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, signed by Peter Van Hal, President, Water Valley Community Association, expressing opposition to the Water Valley Community Centre and Heritage Building being charged for electricity using a demand or needle meter

Sessional Paper 178/2004

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

Letter dated March 11, 2004, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Economic Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, providing fee estimates in response to Mr. MacDonald's three Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requests for information relating to travel by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 179/2004

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 an Order of the Legislative Assembly to call for a complete disclosure, be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by all Members of Executive Council, of all expenses incurred during travel outside the Province since March 12, 2001, and that each Member of Executive Council table receipts for those expenses in the Assembly.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Graham, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 180/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 181/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 182/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 183/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 23, 2004