



**Legislative Assembly  
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, March 25, 2004

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team and coach Keith Hansen.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding post-secondary tuition fees.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding telework.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding boreal forest management in Alberta.

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 157 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

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 29, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR90, MR93, MR94, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR106, MR107, MR122, MR123, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Report, undated, entitled "2004-06 Tentative Major Construction Projects, 2004/05-2006/07, Provincial Highway Projects, Provincial Water Management Projects" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 192/2004

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2002

Sessional Paper 193/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons With Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 194/2004

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Letter dated January 16, 2003, from Hector Clouthier, Special Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, to Dr. David Reid, Chairman, Horse Racing Alberta, thanking Dr. Reid for his commitment to the sport of horse racing

Sessional Paper 195/2004

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 196/2004

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

News release dated March 24, 2004, entitled "Federal and provincial budgets miss the mark on health care" prepared by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 197/2004

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

Alberta Federation of Labour web page article, undated, entitled "Budget again comes up empty for average Albertans"

Sessional Paper 198/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 24, 2004, from Kevan Rhead to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, noting the text of a news release dated March 24, 2004, expressing concern regarding the 2004 Alberta Budget, prepared by the Seniors Action and Liaison Team of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 199/2004

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

Letter dated March 23, 2004, from Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of January 23, 2004, regarding a constituent's concern relating to the freeze on automobile insurance premiums

Sessional Paper 200/2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

National Post article dated March 25, 2004, entitled "Privatization's power" regarding electricity deregulation

Sessional Paper 201/2004

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13:

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Business Plan 2004-07

Sessional Paper 202/2004

### **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 29 to April 1, 2004:

Monday, March 29	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Legislative Assembly Estimates
		Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24)
		International and Intergovernmental Relations
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 25, 26
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 22
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 30	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24)
		Sustainable Resource Development

**Second Reading**

Bill 25, 26

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24)

Community Development

**Second Reading**

Bill 25, 26

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 31

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24)

Government Services

**Second Reading**

Bill 25, 26

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)

Economic Development

**Second Reading**

Bill 25, 26

Thursday, April 1                      Aft.                      - **Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 22  
And as per the Order Paper  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of Supply**  
Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24)  
Environment  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 25, 26  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 22  
And as per the Order Paper  
Adjourn until Monday, April 19,  
2004, pursuant to Government  
Motion 6

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:52 p.m. until Monday, March 29, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 25, 2004