



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 1

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Catherine A. Fraser, Administrator of the Province of Alberta, dated the 7th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CATHERINE A. FRASER,
Administrator.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada,
and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of
Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the First Session of the Twenty-sixth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice and
Deputy Attorney General

you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
TUESDAY, the 1st day of March 2005, at the
hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of
Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the
despatch of business, to treat, act, do and
conclude upon those things which, in the
Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the
Common Council of Our said Province, may, by
the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and
the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE A. FRASER, Administrator of Our
Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 7th day
of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Five and in the Fifty-fourth Year
of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

RON STEVENS
Provincial Secretary.

The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by His Honour the Honourable
the Lieutenant Governor and Her Honour the Administrator of the Province of Alberta
and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took
his seat on the Throne.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Stevens, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the
Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes
of summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of the
Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

He therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent
hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

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

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Speaker:

Mr. Kowalski, nominated by Ms Haley

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared Mr. Kowalski Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 26th Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

Honourable Members, it is with the deepest of humility that I thank you all, all Members of Alberta's 26th Legislature, for the great honour bestowed upon me today. As we close the first 100 years of Alberta as a province and embark upon our second centennial, we should all be cognizant of the tremendous responsibility placed upon all of us as Members of this Legislative Assembly. As the future unfolds, I have no doubt that the 26th Legislature will experience momentous events that will define the new Alberta. Your integrity, your honesty, and your transparency will define you as a Member of Alberta's Legislative Assembly. You will make a difference.

Thank you again for electing me as your Speaker. To the Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, thank you for believing in me and thank you for your humbling nomination. The best to all. Thank you.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the prayer.

Let us pray. Father, on this day of a new beginning we ask for your guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and your help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly, may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve you. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Mr. Amery

Mr. Marz, nominated by Mr. McFarland

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Ministerial Statement

While the ballots were being counted, the Speaker called upon Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, who presented all Members of the Legislative Assembly with a silver Centennial Medallion.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Marz. Mr. Marz is hereby declared the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 26th Legislature.

Mr. Marz thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Cao, nominated by Mr. Johnson

Rev. Abbott, nominated by Mr. Danyluk

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Ms Haley

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. No candidate has received a majority of the votes cast. Rev. Abbott has received the least number of total votes cast. Rev. Abbott's name will therefore be excluded from subsequent ballots.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the second ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Shariff. Mr. Shariff is hereby declared the Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 26th Legislature.

Mr. Shariff thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Chair of Committees.

Unanimous consent was granted to destroy all ballots and materials related to the elections.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

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