



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Wednesday, March 16, 2005

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on March 16, 1967, the portrait of Roberta Catherine MacAdams Price was presented to the Alberta Legislature to honour her achievements. She was one of the first two women elected to the Alberta Legislative Assembly on June 7, 1917, and she was the first woman to introduce a piece of legislation in what was then known as the British Empire. She was elected as Roberta MacAdams as a nonpartisan MLA to represent the Province at large in the 1917 election.

**Recognitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team on winning their sixth straight national title

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Tom Baldwin, Executive Director of the Northern Alberta Development Council, who passed away on March 13, 2005

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Jared Potts of Millet and Jennifer Ross of Camrose, recipients of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: Stony Plain Atom AA hockey team on winning a gold medal at the provincial championship recently held in Barrhead

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Edmonton School Lunch Program

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Safeway grocers' Show Your Heart campaign and the Edmonton Oliver Safeway for supporting ArtStart

## **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 324 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 648 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

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

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2003-04  
Sessional Paper 141/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2003-04  
Sessional Paper 142/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3) (AR 286/94):

Alberta Mental Health Board, 2003-2004 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 143/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2003-2004 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 144/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2003-2004 in Review  
Sessional Paper 145/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 146/2005

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated February 15, 2005, from Ken and Barb Quaife of Red Deer to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing support for Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act  
Sessional Paper 147/2005

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

Backgrounder, undated, regarding an investigation of certain transactions involving Enron and Powerex during the period of June to October 1999  
Sessional Paper 148/2005

E-mail message dated March 26, 2001, from Peter Keohane to Richard Sanders regarding "Project Stanley"  
Sessional Paper 149/2005

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

4 e-mail messages, all dated March 15, 2005, from Tom Yanota, E. Seidle, Frances Plaunt, and Bettie Yanota, all of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of community involvement in the planning process for an interchange at 16th Avenue in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 150/2005

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Utilities Consumer Advocate web page article entitled "A Message from Roger Jackson, the Utilities Consumer Advocate"  
Sessional Paper 151/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Media release dated March 15, 2005, entitled "AUMA Frustrated With Provincial Funding Formula for Ambulance Transitioning" prepared by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Sessional Paper 152/2005

Far Side cartoon entitled "The Real Reason Dinosaurs Went Extinct" by Gary Larson

Sessional Paper 153/2005

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Alberta Law Foundation, Thirty-first Annual Report 2004 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 154/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 155/2005

### **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented on the history of the committee system in British Parliamentary tradition.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 1 — Interim Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 14 agreed to by the Assembly on March 15, 2005, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Interim Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Interim Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$12,000,000 Expense

**Office of the Auditor General**

\$4,500,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Office of the Ombudsman**

\$700,000 Expense

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

\$700,000 Expense

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$100,000 Expense

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

\$1,100,000 Expense

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$10,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Advanced Education**

\$255,000,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$20,300,000 Non-Budgetary Disbursements

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$160,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Children's Services**

\$348,100,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Community Development**

\$90,000,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$11,000,000 Capital Investment

**Economic Development**

\$14,000,000 Expense

**Education**

\$665,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Energy**

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

**Environment**

\$22,700,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Executive Council**

\$5,300,000 Expense

**Finance**

\$20,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$11,700,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Gaming**

\$38,200,000 Expense

\$316,000,000 Lottery Fund Payments

**Government Services**

\$17,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Health and Wellness**

\$2,044,200,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$5,600,000 Capital Investment

**Human Resources and Employment**

\$136,500,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Infrastructure and Transportation**

\$485,300,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$116,800,000 Capital Investment

**Innovation and Science**

\$35,400,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$3,000,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Justice and Attorney General**

\$67,300,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Municipal Affairs**

\$31,600,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Restructuring and Government Efficiency**

\$66,200,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Seniors and Community Supports**

\$347,100,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Solicitor General**

\$74,100,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$41,900,000 Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$3,500,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 156/2005

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, it was agreed at 5:24 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 16, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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 10:02 p.m. until Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 16, 2005