



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 9, 2001

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand one;

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE,
Lieutenant Governor.

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-fifth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on

Paul Bourque,
Deputy Minister of Justice and
Deputy Attorney General

MONDAY, the ninth day of April 2001, 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 LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of Our
Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this Twenty-
first day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand One and in the Fiftieth Year
of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.

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

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took
her seat on the Throne.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

Honourable Members, I am commanded by Her Honour the Honourable the
Lieutenant Governor to inform you that she 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.

She 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.

Her 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 as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th 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, let me at the outset say thank you very, very much very humbly. I know that the tradition of the Speaker dates back to 1381 in the British parliamentary form of governance. This Assembly is the continuation of that, and what we do here is important. This is democracy. This is the highest court in the Province of Alberta. This is a place of dignity. This is a place of decorum. This is a place where honourable men and women come together and debate policies and exchange their views on issues. It is a place that can bring great pride to all of the citizens of Alberta and will continue to bring great pride to all of the citizens of Alberta.

You honour me today with the greatest of honours, and I thank you very, very humbly. And to the Honourable Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, thank you so much for the very kind words. They're very much appreciated.

Honourable Members, I'm very, very proud to be among you. I'm very, very proud to be one of you. I will not let you down. Thank you very much.

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. Dear God, author of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding, we ask thy guidance in order that truth and justice may prevail in all our judgments. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Mrs. O'Neill.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. Tannas as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th Legislature.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Mr. Amery.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. Shariff as Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th Legislature.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 1:55 p.m. until Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

Title: Monday, April 9, 2001