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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session Twenty-Second Legislature

Tuesday, May 12, 1992

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Doyle, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, the following petition was read and received:

> Now that Special Condition 12 is removed, contrary to the support of the majority of residents of Peers and area, we the undersigned urge you to assign the timer quota to the bidder who will maintain manufacturing jobs in Peers and create the most economic benefits for our community.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Getty, Premier:

> Letter, dated May 4, 1992, from the Premier to Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding remuneration to Members
>
> Sessional Paper 916/92

Hon. Mr. Adair, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Trans Canada/Yellowhead Highway Twinning Ceremonies, Alberta 1992, brochures and news releases

Sessional Paper 628/92

Hon. Mr. Klein, Minister of the Environment, pursuant to the Land Surface Conservation and Reclamation Act, cL-3, s32(2), RSA 1980:

Surface Reclamation Fund, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 56/92

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Main, Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, filed the following:

Letter, dated June 7, 1991, from Her Worship, Jan Reimer, Mayor of Edmonton to the Minister and document entitled "Community Recreation and Cultural (C.R./C.) Grant Program, City of Edmonton Principles"

Sessional Paper 917/92

Privilege

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, replied to the purported point of privilege raised May 11, 1992, by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services.

The Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 15(3), deferred ruling on the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

359. (Mr. Wickman)

How is the $528,088 allocated to Communications Planning in the 1992/93 Public Affairs Bureau going to be spent?

360. (Mr. Wickman)

What does the term Communications Planning appearing in the 1992-93 budget estimates for the Public Affairs Bureau, mean?

361. (Mr. Wickman)

Why is there a 393 percent increase in the budget allocation for a Public Affairs Bureau subprogram entitled "Communications Planning" during the fiscal year 1992-93?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

146, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 183, 206, 208, 209, 210, 214, 215, 216, 218, 280, 285, 287, 288, 290, 291, 313, 314, 315, 334, 337, 338, 348, 354, 358.

Motions for Returns

The following motions were defeated:

189. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, reports, and analyses on the economic viability of the High River magnesium plant prepared by external government advisors subsequent to the Government's April 11, 1991 takeover of Magnesium Company of Canada Ltd.'s High River facility.

225. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of:

(1) details of the $177,313,000 in investments, grants, loans and loan guarantees provided to Alberta projects under Special/Extraordinary Proposal specified on page 12 of the Department of Economic Development and Trade's 1989-90 Annual Report, including the identity of each recipient, the amount advanced, and the terms and conditions thereof;

(2) data requested in point (1) above for similar expenditures noted in the 1990-91 annual report.

226. Moved by Mr. Hawkesworth:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of:

(1) all agreements and loan guarantees between the Government, Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. and Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd. respecting the Magnesium Company of Canada;

(2) all studies respecting the commercial viability of the company's magnesium production technology, upon which the Government based its decision to offer financial assistance;

(3) all personal, historical, and credit investigations the Government conducted respecting Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd., the Magnesium Company of Canada and Mr. Dee Osborne.

274. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all agreements, including all loan agreements, between the Government, Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. and Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd. concerning the Magnesium Company of Canada.

344. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of any and all agreements between the Government and the major shareholders of Northern Steel Inc. from January 1, 1987 to June 12, 1989.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

184, 185, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 219, 221, 224, 227, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 292, 293, 294, 299, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 335, 336, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 353, 356, 357, 362, 363.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

211. Moved by Ms M. Laing:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a task force to examine issues of parental custody and access with a mandate to make recommendations to be tabled in the Assembly, such task force to include the Children's Advocate and representatives from parental rights groups, including grandparents; the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Calgary; the Department of Family Studies, University of Alberta; the Law Reform Institute of Alberta, University of Alberta Edmonton; and custodial and non-custodial parents; such members to be appointed in a manner ensuring gender equality.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, at 5:29 p.m., it was agreed that when the Members reconvened at 8:00 p.m., they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

Committee of Supply

(Day 14 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

During consideration of certain resolutions of the Department of Health, Mr. Hawkesworth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, filed the following:

> Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Special Article, New England Journal of Medicine, September 26, 1991
>
> Sessional Paper 918/92

> An Interim Report on the Clinic Operation to the Nova Scotia Department of Health, The Nova Scotia Environmental Medicine Clinic, January 1992
>
> Sessional Paper 919/92

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported as follows:

> Mr. Speaker:
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> The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health, 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. Anderson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:31 p.m. until Wednesday, May 13, 1992, at 2:30 p.m.