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Tuesday, February 13, 1996

This being the first Day of the Fourth Session of the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor, dated the seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six;

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GORDON TOWERS,
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 Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the third session of the twenty-third Legislature of Alberta:

Neil McCrank,
of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective Deputy Minister February 12, 1996, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the fourth session of the twenty-third Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1996

TUESDAY, the thirteenth day of February, A.D. 1996, at the hour of THREE o'clock 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 GORDON TOWERS, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this Seventeenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six in the Forty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

BRIAN EVANS,
Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair.

The Administrator entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

The Administrator then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From The Throne

Fellow Albertans, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the 23rd Alberta Legislature. This is the year that my Government will achieve its major financial objectives: to balance the budget, to reduce spending to a level that Albertans can afford in good times and in bad, and to move ahead on its plan to pay down the debt. As well, 1996 will be a year of transition. Now that spending is in line with revenues, the Government will focus on monitoring and fine-tuning to maintain and improve the quality of its essential programs and services.

The Government will remain fiscally responsible. In keeping with its obligation to pay down the provincial debt, all surpluses must go to reduce the debt. The benefits of this approach are clear. Surpluses in the past two years have seen \$1.5 billion paid directly against Alberta's mortgage. Alberta is the first province to reduce its debt, and its net debt will be eliminated five years sooner than planned.

As the Government meets its legislated obligations to balance the budget and pay down its debt, Albertans are being asked for their views on how to invest any extra remaining revenue. They may choose to move more quickly to pay down the debt, reduce their tax burden, or target spending to areas in which we will see an increase in the quality of program or service be it a better educated student, a healthier Albertan, or stronger infrastructure.

On these and other issues our Government will continue to listen to Albertans, to evaluate the effect of the changes of the last three years, and to ensure that its programs and services meet Albertans' needs. Reflecting the advice of Albertans, work in the coming session will focus on six areas:

- quality and accessible health care,
- effective and equitable education,
- more economic growth and jobs,
- responsible financial and program management,
- secure and self-reliant communities, and
- a strong Alberta in a strong and united Canada.

Albertans have said that their top priority for Government is health. Our Government will work to improve the quality, accessibility, and accountability of the health care system. Initiatives to improve patient care and ensure an efficient system will include a pilot project using health smart cards and a plan for a new information network. The system will be more accountable through regular performance measurement and reporting by the Regional Health Authorities and an independent report card on the system from the Provincial Health Council.

The Government will focus on accessibility by maintaining all seniors' health benefits at current levels and freezing health care premiums for all Albertans at current levels. Having cancelled the planned reductions in base funding to the Regional Health Authorities for 1996-97, the Government will allocate new funds to enhance community health services. Half of these funds will be invested in an innovation fund to stimulate further development of programs in the area of community health services.

Alberta's education system has turned the corner. The coming year will be a time of financial stability and investment. Initiatives will focus on improving learning and teaching through the use of technology in schools, meeting the demand for schools in high-growth areas of the province, and providing consistent programming in early childhood services for all children in Alberta.

In adult learning the Government will pilot a new funding mechanism for postsecondary institutions, encouraging them to provide quality, accessible, and relevant programs at the lowest possible cost. It will invest uncommitted money from the access fund in new technology to support classroom instruction and distance education and in matching funds raised by universities to invest in infrastructure to attract new faculty in areas of research excellence. As well, the

Government will launch a program to match funds committed by institutions to update equipment used in a learning environment.

Other initiatives, like the health workforce education program, will provide education and training to help workers respond to changes in the workplace.

A major priority for Albertans is jobs. Albertans are close to a year ahead of the four-year goal of the private sector's creation of 110,000 new jobs, a goal set in early 1993. From December of 1992 to December of 1995 employment in Alberta grew by 103,000 jobs, 95 percent of them in the private sector.

Nevertheless, one of our Government's primary responsibilities is to continue to create the climate for prosperity and private-sector jobs for Albertans and to build on the Alberta advantage that attracts business, investment, and jobs to our province. The Government will consult and work with the Alberta Economic Development Authority, businesses, associations, and communities to create a contemporary economic development strategy for our province. This effort will aim to keep business costs like taxation, workers' compensation rates, and regulation the most competitive in Canada. As well, the Government will refine Alberta's international export strategy, create one-stop business information services, and continue with its plan to deregulate across government.

In energy the Government will prepare to implement Alberta's new royalty regime for new oil sands projects. This should clear the way for some \$2 billion in new projects and thousands of new jobs. A streamlined regulatory framework will reduce the regulatory burden on industry while enhancing the ability of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board to encourage responsible companies and to prevent unacceptable practices like the abandonment of facilities. Our Government will ensure a smooth transition as the province takes the lead in moving from a regulated monopoly over electricity to an open, competitive market.

In agriculture and rural development it will seek business investment for growing market opportunities in food products like meats, potatoes, pasta, and horticulture as well as nonfood products like ethanol and fibreboard. It will pursue marketing options for Alberta's wheat and barley given our farmers' vote to change the federal grain marketing regime, and it will introduce legislation to implement the farm income stability program.

In scientific research and development our Government will consult with Albertans to develop a new provincial science and research strategy.

My Government will continue to seek more effective and more efficient ways to conduct its business. In terms of financial management the Government will bring in legislation to limit its authority to provide loans, guarantees, and investments to businesses, and it will create a new, independent management structure as well as new goals and responsibilities to manage the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. The Provincial Treasurer will provide a detailed report on Alberta's finances in his Budget Address on February 22.

In the coming year Alberta faces a 22 percent reduction in transfer payments from the Federal Government. Having taken action to balance our budget, our Government commits to protecting Alberta's health, social services, and postsecondary educational programs from this \$342 million reduction.

In terms of program management the Government will continue to provide streamlined programs which are essential to Albertans while assessing other programs that may be delivered best by the private sector or community agencies. The Government will amalgamate road safety programs to offer one-window service regarding drivers, vehicles, and roads. It will consolidate its agencies responsible for fairness and equity into an Alberta human rights and citizenship commission. It will simplify and modernize employment standards and filing procedures at Alberta registries, and it will continue to consult with Albertans about other programs which could be delivered by communities.

Central to all of the Government's efforts is its commitment to provide services that reflect Albertans' desire to take more responsibility for their lives in the workplace, in the marketplace, and in the community. To that end, the Government will work with Regional Health Authorities to ensure that community health councils are in place to involve Albertans in determining health priorities and developing strategies to achieve them. Through consultation with Albertans it will develop a new way of choosing people to serve on the boards of the Regional Health Authorities.

It will introduce legislation to help communities take a greater role in planning as well as delivering services throughout the province to Albertans with disabilities. The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities has provided insights on the importance of an integrated approach to serving the needs of Albertans in this area.

The Government will introduce legislation to integrate children's services at the community level, it will expand regional access to government services for seniors and develop a provincial strategy to educate Albertans about the abuse of elders, including a 1-800 reporting line, and it will promote safer communities by focusing on serious and violent offenders.

Reflecting the importance of information in our society, the Government will increase Albertans' access to the information they need through an electronic library network and the Internet. In fact, this Speech from the Throne is available on the Government's newly redesigned home page on the Internet.

Responding to Albertans' concern and responsibility for maintaining a healthy natural environment, the Government will proceed with Special Places as part of the province's integrated resource plan and in keeping with Alberta's contribution to the World Wildlife Fund's endangered spaces program. It will reintroduce legislation governing the management and conservation of our precious water resources, and it will work with Albertans to define a common vision and a conservation strategy for our forests.

Albertans want a strong Alberta in a strong and united Canada. As the host of the 37th annual Premiers' Conference this year, our Government will work to renew a country worth keeping through open and transparent constitutional negotiations based on respect and equality among all provinces, and it will keep striving to reduce trade barriers between provinces and administrative overlap among the federal and provincial levels.

We can all be proud of our province and our people. We have remained focused on controlling our finances and on developing and maintaining the highest possible quality of programs and services. My Government thanks the people of Alberta and the men and women of the public service for their hard work and sacrifice over the last year. It will continue to listen to Albertans and to follow their lead in laying the foundation for a thriving and exciting future for our province and our children.

Now I leave you to the business of this session confident that as elected representatives you will fulfil in every way your responsibilities to Albertans.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, I pray that the blessing of God may rest on your deliberations. God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save The Queen. And if I may be permitted, God bless the Hon. Gordon Towers.

Government Bills and Orders

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Agent-General Act Repeal Act." Hon. Mr. Klein accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Tabling Documents

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Administrator, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 600/96

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Administrator to this Assembly be taken into consideration Wednesday.

Moved by Hon. Mrs. Black:

It was resolved that the Votes and Proceedings of this Assembly be printed, after first having been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Evans:

It was resolved that the Select Standing Committees for the present Session of the Legislative Assembly be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act,
- (2) Law and Regulations,
- (3) Legislative Offices,
- (4) Private Bills,
- (5) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing,
- (6) Public Accounts, and
- (7) Public Affairs

Hon. Mr. Day requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 49(1).

Hon. Mr. Day requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a).

Hon. Mr. Day moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's seven Select Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND ACT (15 Members)

Dunford (Chairman)	Dalla-Longa	Langevin
Doerksen (Deputy Chairman)	Forsyth	Percy
Amery	Fritz	Sapers
Beniuk	Havelock	Sekulic
Carlson	Hlady	Shariff

LAW AND REGULATIONS (21 Members)

Havelock (Chairman)	Coutts	Oberg
Doerksen (Deputy Chairman)	Decore	Renner
Amery	Dickson	Severtson
Brassard	Dunford	Trynchy
Burgener	Germain	White
Chadi	Hewes	Yankowsky
Collingwood	Jacques	Zariwny

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (9 Members)

Hierath (Chairman)	Dickson	Kowalski
Brassard (Deputy Chairman)	Friedel	Massey
Bruseker	Fritz	Severtson

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Renner (Chairman)	Jacques	Tannas
Amery (Deputy Chairman)	Kowalski	Taylor (Redwater)
Bracko	Laing	Trynchy
Fritz	Langevin	Vasseur
Gordon	Leibovici	White
Hanson	Soetaert	Yankowsky
Herard	Stelmach	Zariwny

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND PRINTING
(21 Members)

Coutts (Chairman)	Friedel	Nicol
Pham (Deputy Chairman)	Germain	Oberg
Beniuk	Gordon	Renner
Clegg	Havelock	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Decore	Henry	Van Binsbergen
Dickson	Hlady	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Mirosh	Zariwny

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

Abdurahman (Chairman)	Chadi	Percy
Coutts (Deputy Chairman)	Haley	Pham
Amery	Kirkland	Sekulic
Burgener	Magnus	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Calahasen	McFarland	Yankowsky
Carlson	Oberg	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Gordon (Chairman)	Forsyth (Deputy Chairman)
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The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 601/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:37 p.m. until Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 1996

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and moment of silence was observed in recognition of the deaths of former Members, Mr. George Wolstenholme, Hon. Member for Highwood, 1975 to 1982, who passed away on November 16, 1995; Mr. Allen Patrick, Hon. Member for Lacombe, 1952-1971, who passed away on December 25, 1995; His Honour, Judge Joseph Maynard, Hon. Member for Beaver River and St. Albert, 1935 to 1955, who passed away on February 7, 1996; and Mr. William Patterson, Hon. Member for Lac St. Anne, 1959-1967, who passed away on February 13, 1995.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 838 Albertans regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing the practice of licensed practical nurses in Alberta.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from Lethbridge-East residents regarding Regional Health Authorities' moving elderly people to long term care facilities.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 1,053 Albertans regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing the practice of licensed practical nurses in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize this year's recipient of The Woman of the Year Award, Mrs. Lois Hole.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the athletes, volunteers and coaches at the third Canadian National Special Olympic Winter Games which are currently being held between February 13 to 17, 1996 in Calgary.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 38(1)(b) allowing the introduction of the following Bills:

- Bill 201 Alberta Health Care Entitlement and Accountability Act —
Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 202 Lotteries (Video Lottery Schemes Elimination) Amendment Act,
1996 — Mr. Mitchell

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health News Release, dated February 14, 1995, entitled "Future RHA members to be selected through combination of elections and appointments"

Sessional Paper 602/96

Selecting Regional Health Authority Members, Consultation Results and Recommendations, Report of the MLA Implementation Team, February 14, 1996

Sessional Paper 603/96

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Motion for Return M197 asked by Mr. Collingwood, on April 5, 1995:

The list of all organizations and activities that will be funded with money raised from the auction in the United States of permits for hunting an elk and bighorn sheep in Alberta, referred to by the Minister of Environmental Protection in the Legislature on February 27, 1995 (Hansard p. 198), and the amount that each organization will receive.

Sessional Paper 197A/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

"Yes! Alberta is Hurting," Report on Is Alberta Hurting, Citizen's Inquiry Focusing on Health and Related Services, sponsored by Coalition of Parents of Children with Disabilities, Calgary Chapter of Council of Canadians, Friends of Medicare and Alberta Council on Aging

Sessional Paper 604/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Speech to the Throne, Grant Mitchell, Leader, Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Fourth Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature, Tuesday, February 13, 1996

Sessional Paper 605/96

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Petition, signed by 208 Albertans, regarding the challenges facing single parents and the need for more funding for related government agencies

Sessional Paper 606/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Schedule "A", Promissory Note, Stampeder Football Club Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta, to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta as represented by the Provincial Treasurer, October 24, 1990 and Schedule "B", Assignment and Assumption of Promissory Note between Stampeder Football Club Ltd. and Ryckman Financial Corporation

Sessional Paper 607/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize this year's recipient of The Woman of the Year Award, Mrs. Lois Hole.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the athletes, volunteers and coaches at the third Canadian National Special Olympic Winter Games which are currently being held between February 13 to 17, 1996 in Calgary.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions and Motions for Returns

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), Written Questions and Motions for Returns would normally be dealt with, but as these were on Notice only on the Order Paper, they could not be addressed today.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 201 Alberta Health Care Entitlement and Accountability Act —
Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(1), the question being put on the motion for Second reading of Bill 201, Alberta Health Care Entitlement and Accountability Act, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hewes	Soetaert
Bracko	Leibovici	Taylor <small>(Redwater)</small>
Bruseker	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Carlson	Mitchell	Vasseur
Collingwood	Nicol	White
Dickson	Percy	Wickman
Germain	Sapers	Zariwny
Hanson	Sekulic	Zwozdesky
Henry		

Against the motion: 43

Ady	Haley	Mirosh
Amery	Havelock	Oberg
Beniuk	Herard	Paszkowski
Brassard	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Jacques	Renner
Calahasen	Jonson	Severtson
Clegg	Kowalski	Shariff
Coutts	Laing	Smith
Dinning	Langevin	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford	Magnus	Trynchy
Forsyth	Mar	West
Friedel	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Administrator's Speech

Moved by Mr. Stelmach and seconded by Mr. Shariff:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Administrator as follows:

To His Honour Mr. Justice J.W. McClung, the Administrator of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 830 parents of 5 year olds regarding a mandated, fully funded kindergarten program.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from Albertans regarding a mandated, fully funded 400 hours of kindergarten.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 800 Alberta families regarding a mandated, fully funded 400 hours of kindergarten.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, presented a petition from 813 5 year old Albertans regarding a mandated, fully funded 400 hours of kindergarten.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 166 Albertans regarding Regional Health Authorities' moving elderly people to long term care facilities.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to prohibit Regional Health Authorities from moving elderly people against their will to long term care facilities in communities far from their families, churches and other community supports, thereby greatly lessening their quality of life.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize February 12 through 18, 1996 as Random Acts of Kindness Week and congratulate Coleen Ring as Chair of the Random Acts of Kindness Week Committee.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Grande Prairie Curling Club rink, skipped by Heather Godbersson, for winning the Maple Leaf Junior Women's Curling Championship on February 10.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act — Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

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

- Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act — Mr. Stelmach

Notice having been given:

- Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 204 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Sekulic
- Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard
- Bill 206 Recall Act — Dr. Nicol
- Bill 207 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard
- Bill 210 Citizen's Initiative Act — Dr. L. Taylor
- Bill 211 School (Age of Enrolment) Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Henry

- Bill 212 Consumer Protection Act — Ms Abdurahman
- Bill 213 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Sapers
- Bill 214 Victims of Domestic Violence Act — Ms Hanson
- Bill 215 Crown Grazing Lease Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Collingwood
- Bill 216 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques
- Bill 217 Law of Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner
- Bill 218 Judicial Elections Act — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 219 Family Law Reform Act — Mr. Dickson
- Bill 220 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5, s6(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 74/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 85/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-14.5, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 79/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3) (Alta. Reg. 286/94):

Provincial Mental Health Board, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 84/96

Provincial Mental Health Board Combined Financial Statements, March 31, 1995
Sessional Paper 84A/96

Provincial Mental Health Board, Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Financial Statements, March 31, 1995
Sessional Paper 84B/96

Provincial Mental Health Board, Alberta Hospital Ponoka, Financial Statements, March 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 84C/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Facing Cancer, Alberta Cancer Board's care and research magazine, Issue 5, Fall/Winter 1995

Sessional Paper 608/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for the Alberta Gaming Liquor Commission:

Gaming in Alberta, 1994-95 Review

Sessional Paper 609/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Racing Commission Act, cR-1, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Commission, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 142/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question Q233 asked by Mr. Zwozdesky on October 11, 1995:

With regard to the Team Alberta jackets that the Government purchased or acquired surrounding primarily the 15th Canada Games, 1995, and perhaps other activities, will the Minister of Community Development please provide specific answers to the following questions:

- (1) in total, how many Team Alberta jackets were purchased or acquired by the Government;
- (2) which company(ies) produced them;
- (3) who designed these jackets, specifically, the blue and orange crest that appears on the back;
- (4) when and by whom was the decision made to add the colour orange;
- (5) who authorized the use of orange on Team Alberta jackets;
- (6) what were the design costs and what were the manufacturing and/or production costs;
- (7) who paid the costs of designing, manufacturing and delivery of these jackets;
- (8) to whom were these jackets given and in what quantities;
- (9) which Government Members of the Legislative Assembly received one or more of these jackets;
- (10) which spouses or partners of Government Members of the Legislative Assembly received these jackets and under what circumstances did they acquire them; and

(11) will the Minister of Community Development provide copies of receipts regarding any jackets which were perhaps paid for by recipients?

Sessional Paper 233A/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Youth Symposium '95, Building Tomorrow Today, Conference Report
Sessional Paper 610/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter, dated November 16, 1995, from Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to Charles Blakey, Director of Market Standards, Alberta Securities Commission, regarding the Ethics Commissioner's report on certain transactions involving shares of Multi-Corp. Inc., plus attached affidavit of Kevin Bosch

Sessional Paper 611/96

Letter, dated November 21, 1995, from Charles Blakey, Director of Market Standards, Alberta Securities Commission, to Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, regarding Multi-Corp. Inc. and Mr. Bruseker's letter of November 16, 1995

Sessional Paper 612/96

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

30 letters, variously dated, regarding the provision of fully funded kindergarten programs to a minimum of 400 hours of instruction per child, per year

Sessional Paper 613/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Petition from Kim Haines, Kelly Curtis, Terry Starko, Gwen Kohluss, St. Albert, Bonnie Watson, Sherwood Park, and Daria Gushaty, Edmonton, to the Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing disappointment with the comments made on petitions regarding mandated, fully funded kindergarten programs tabled earlier today, February 15, 1996

Sessional Paper 614/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-4.01, s9:

Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names of Alberta, Electoral Boundaries Commission of Alberta, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 615/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Investigation into allegations relating to the Honourable Ralph Klein, Premier, Report of the Ethics Commissioner, November 10, 1995

Sessional Paper 2/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Investigation involving the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, Report of the Ethics Commissioner, February 14, 1996

Sessional Paper 2A/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, announced that February 12 to 19, 1996 is Citizen, Immigration and Heritage Week.

Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, responded to the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Family Day, February 19, 1996.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Calgary Winter Festival, February 16 to 26, 1996.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Canadian Pacific Rail relocating its head office to Calgary and the economic impact of 730 new positions.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Collingwood, Acting 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 20 to February 22, 1996:

Tuesday, February 20 (4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Throne Speech Debate

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act
Wednesday, February 21	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Throne Speech Second Reading Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act
Thursday, February 22	Aft. (4:00 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Budget Address

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize February 12 through 18, 1996, as Random Acts of Kindness Week and congratulate Coleen Ring as Chair of the Random Acts of Kindness Week Committee.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta congratulate the Grande Prairie Curling Club rink, skipped by Heather Godberson, for winning the Maple Leaf Junior Women's Curling Championship on February 10.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Administrator's Speech

Moved by Mr. Stelmach and seconded by Mr. Shariff:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Administrator as follows:

To His Honour Mr. Justice J.W. McClung, the Administrator of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

During debate, Dr. L. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, filed the following:

Letter, dated February 14, 1996, from Jennifer Carter, Medicine Hat, to Dr. L. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, regarding her recent experience at Medicine Hat Hospital

Sessional Paper 616/96

Debate continued.

Ms Burgener moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(a) and on motion by Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:09 p.m. until Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 1996

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Premier, Hon. Mr. Manning, who passed away February 19, 1996. Mr. Manning was first elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in the 1935 general election and served until 1968 representing the constituencies of Calgary, Edmonton and Strathcona East for the Social Credit Party. During his years of service, he served as Provincial Secretary from 1935-43, and Minister of Trade and Industry from 1935-44. On May 31, 1943 he was sworn in as Alberta's 8th Premier. During his term as Premier, he also served as Provincial Treasurer from 1944-54, Minister of Mines and Minerals from 1952-62, and Attorney General from 1955-68. In 1970, he was summoned to the Senate and served until 1983.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 71 Albertans regarding the \$25 application fee to access government records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 323 Calgary residents regarding the proposed closure of the Alberta Place District Office of Family and Social Services in downtown Calgary.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from the Parent Council of the Simons Valley Elementary School regarding 400 hours of fully funded kindergarten programming.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 16 Albertans regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing the practice of licensed practical nurses in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 21, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the L. Robert Enterprises Pee-Wee Double A Barons Hockey Team from Fort McMurray, Alberta, on their gold medal achievement at the Quebec International Tournament in Quebec City on February 18, 1996.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. Q206 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

What is the estimated cost to the Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Food and Rural Development of implementing the Problem Wolf Control Program in southern Alberta during the winter of 1994-95?

Sessional Paper 206A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M224 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

Copies of all documents submitted by Newalta Environmental Services Corporation and Laidlaw Environmental Services Ltd. to the Department of Environmental Protection relating to the monitoring of leachate from the existing landfill cell at Ryley between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1994.

Sessional Paper 224A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M232 asked for by Mr. N. Taylor on May 10, 1995:

A standard copy of the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP) master agreements and sub-agreements for the implementation of the program for approval of project funding; a list of all master agreements signed between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1994 between the Government and forest companies for the implementation of the program, including a list of the major expenditures under each agreement.

Sessional Paper 232A/96

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, dated February 19, 1996, from Carol Vaage, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding comments made by the Speaker during Presenting Petitions, Thursday, February 15, 1996
Sessional Paper 617/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Let's Keep Talking, A Message to Regional Health Authorities, from Family and General Practice Physicians, College of Family Physicians of Canada, Alberta Chapter
Sessional Paper 618/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter, dated January 4, 1996, from H.C. Blakey, Director, Market Standards, Alberta Securities Commission, to Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, regarding a change of control in 1993 experienced by Multi-Corp. Inc.
Sessional Paper 619/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement honouring the late Premier, Mr. Ernest Manning, who died February 19, 1996.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, responded to the statement.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement congratulating the communities of Calgary and Canmore for their successful hosting of the Canadian Special Olympics Winter Games and acknowledged the Fort McMurray Pee-Wee team for winning the International Division Championship, Kevin Martin for his fourth Provincial Men's Curling title and Kenneth Giroux, of the Cougar Boxing Club, for being named the 1996 Golden Boy.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, responded to the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding chronic fatigue immune dysfunction syndrome.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the importance of Eid day on the Islamic calendar following the month of Ramadan.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, made a statement regarding the economic impact of the arts, culture, and multiculturalism in general and the motion picture industry in particular on Alberta.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the L. Robert Enterprises Pee-Wee Double A Barons Hockey Team from Fort McMurray, Alberta, on their gold medal achievement at the Quebec International Tournament in Quebec City on February 18, 1996.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 14, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 202, Lotteries (Video Lottery Schemes Elimination) Amendment Act, 1996, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel which operates video lottery terminals.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 202 Lotteries (Video Lottery Schemes Elimination) Amendment Act,
1996 — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(3) debate adjourned, Mrs. Gordon speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a health care system that is based upon the two fundamental principles of accountability and affordability and a system that ensures accessibility, continuity and quality of care.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 17

Abdurahman	Germain	Sekulic
Bracko	Hanson	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	White
Carlson	Leibovici	Wickman
Collingwood	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sapers	

Against the motion: 40

Ady	Friedel	Mirosh
Amery	Fritz	Oberg
Black	Gordon	Paszkowski
Brassard	Havelock	Renner
Burgener	Herard	Severtson
Calahasen	Hierath	Shariff
Cardinal	Hlady	Stelmach
Coutts	Jacques	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Day	Jonson	Thurber
Dinning	Langevin	Trynchy
Doerksen	Magnus	West
Evans	Mar	Woloshyn
Fischer	McFarland	Yankowsky
Forsyth		

Consideration of His Honour the Administrator's Speech (Day 3)

Moved by Mr. Stelmach and seconded by Mr. Shariff:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Administrator as follows:

To His Honour Mr. Justice J.W. McClung, the Administrator of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Agent-General Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act — Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Wednesday, February 21, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 163 St. Albert residents regarding 400 hours of kindergarten programming.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to prohibit Regional Health Authorities from moving elderly people against their will to long term care facilities in communities far from their families, churches and other community supports, thereby greatly lessening their quality of life.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. Q236 asked for by Mr. N. Taylor on October 18, 1995:

For the period January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994, how many timber transport permits were issued to truckers for hauling timber from private land to mills in Alberta and how many were issued for exporting timber out of the province, and, in each case, what was the volume of coniferous and deciduous timber involved?

Sessional Paper 236A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M238 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on October 18, 1995:

A list showing the names of sites that are currently under protective reservation or notation and sites that have been identified through a government planning process (such as integrated resource plans), that are awaiting decisions concerning their designation under some form of protected area legislation, indicating the current status of the site and the recommended protected status, where known.

Sessional Paper 238A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M240 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on October 18, 1995:

A list of complaints concerning flooding around the shore of Lake Wabamun, giving the date of each complaint and the location flooded, from January 1, 1980, until December 31, 1994.

Sessional Paper 240A/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 76/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Partial list of Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation (AMPDC) film and television projects in rural Alberta

Sessional Paper 620/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Letter, dated February 15, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, to Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Opposition House Leader, regarding the debate of Main Estimates during the spring of 1996 and the introduction of a motion to create subcommittees of the Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 621/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, fax dated February 8, 1996, from Dr. A. A. Wilke, A. A. Wilke Professional Corporation, Willow Park Medical Clinic, Calgary, regarding the future of family medicine

Sessional Paper 622/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister of Science and Research, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Alberta Research Council.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, responded to the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, filed the following:

Letter, dated December 7, 1994, from Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for Housing, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, listing outstanding mortgage guarantees by financial institution, as of March 31, 1994

Sessional Paper 623/96

During Oral Question Period, Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, filed the following:

Report to Premiers, Ministerial Council on Social Policy Reform and Renewal, December 1995

Sessional Paper 624/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, filed the following:

Letter, dated January 11, 1996, from Mr. Jacques, Chairman, Northern Alberta Development Council, to Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, declining Mr. Taylor's request for a draft copy of the recommendations regarding Alberta's forest management agreements

Sessional Paper 625/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q157, Q158, Q159, Q160, Q161, Q162, Q163, Q164, Q165, Q176, Q177.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M166, M167, M168, M169, M170, M171, M172, M173, M174, M175.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 202 Lotteries (Video Lottery Schemes Elimination) Amendment Act,
1996 — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 18

Abdurahman	Henry	Taylor (Redwater)
Ady	Hewes	Van Binsbergen
Bracko	Leibovici	White
Bruseker	Mitchell	Wickman
Collingwood	Nicol	Zariwny
Hanson	Sekulic	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 40

Beniuk	Haley	McFarland
Black	Havelock	Mirosh
Brassard	Herard	Oberg
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Jonson	Shariff
Day	Kowalski	Smith
Doerksen	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Langevin	Thurber
Forsyth	Magnus	Trynchy
Friedel	Mar	Woloshyn
Fritz	McClellan	Yankowsky
Gordon		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, filed the following:

"A divorce how-to," editorial, Vancouver Sun, February 15, 1996, p. A14
Sessional Paper 626/96

Debate continued.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

Bill 4 Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the proposed implementation of health care databases.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to ensure that the Alberta Place District Office of Family and Social Services will not be closed as an SFI office until alternate service delivery points are established and accessible to all residents of downtown Calgary.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to reduce the \$25 application fee to access government records to be more in line with the other provinces, as legislated under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regulations.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, and Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Third Legislature, Third Session, February 1995 to November 1995

Sessional Paper 627/96

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize that February is Black History Month in Alberta.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the efforts of the athletes, organizers and volunteers involved in the 1996 Alberta Winter Games being held in Lethbridge from February 22 to 25, 1996.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M225 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

A copy of the questionnaire and results of the Angus Reid poll which included questions about Special Places 2000, that was conducted for the Government in the summer of 1994.

Sessional Paper 225A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M226 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 26, 1995:

A copy of the questionnaire and results of the environmental monitor poll on environmental issues, including Special Places 2000, that was communicated to the Department of Environmental Protection in January 1995.

Sessional Paper 226A/96

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Response to Written Question No. Q234 asked by Mr. Sekulic on October 18, 1995:

What is the identity of the borrower who was given a \$4.25 million work-out export loan guarantee on May 19, 1993, as set out on page 267 of the 1993-94 Public Accounts, Volume 2?

Sessional Paper 234A/96

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter, undated, to Mathias Sikkias, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Grande Yellowhead Regional Division, objecting to the school bus transportation user fees

Sessional Paper 628/96

Letter, undated, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, objecting to the Grande Yellowhead Regional Division school bus transportation user fees

Sessional Paper 629/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

List entitled "Compilation of various crimes as a result of a VLT (video lottery terminal) addiction"

Sessional Paper 630/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Athabasca University, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 631/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2):

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 13/96

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Building Quality Restoration Program, Project Cost Premiums in Fort McMurray, prepared for Fort McMurray School District #2833 and Fort McMurray Catholic Schools by Kinnaird Planning and Research Ltd., December 1995

Sessional Paper 632/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter, dated January 25, 1996, from the President of the Patients' Council, Alberta Hospital Edmonton, to the Provincial Mental Health Board, regarding the quality of life within the hospital

Sessional Paper 633/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Brochure entitled, "Do you want to be a second-class patient in your own hospital?"

Sessional Paper 634/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, filed the following:

Letter, fax-dated February 9, 1996, from Catherine Murphy, Hinton, Alberta, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding a severe fall and a subsequent ambulance bill

Sessional Paper 635/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding kindergarten age restrictions.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, and the quality of life for people suffering from a psychiatric illness.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding the proposed signing of a three-year contract between the Alberta Tourism Partnership and the Government of Alberta.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 26 to February 29, 1996:

Monday, February 26	Aft.	- Government Motions Government Motion No. 9
	Eve.	- Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 1
Tuesday, February 27	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act

Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act

Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act

Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 2

Wednesday, February 28

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Transportation and Utilities

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

Thursday, February 29

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**

Family and Social Services

Energy

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize that February is Black History Month in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the efforts of the athletes, organizers and volunteers involved in the 1996 Alberta Winter Games being held in Lethbridge from February 22 to 25, 1996.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Temporary Recess

Following Oral Question Period, on motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly recessed at 3:26 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1996 – 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Administrator.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Estimates of Expenditure, pursuant to the Deficit Elimination Act, cD-6.5, s7.1 and 10:

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1996-97	Sessional Paper 636/96
Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, 1995-96	Sessional Paper 637/96
Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1996-97	Sessional Paper 638/96
Agenda '96, Balance, Responsibility, Opportunity, Government of Alberta	Sessional Paper 639/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Administrator, the 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Administrator, the Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:38 p.m. until Monday, February 26, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 10,000 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to call for the Government to provide quality kindergarten education for our children by maintaining a minimum 400 hours of instruction per child per school year.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Team Calgary, winners of the 1996 Alberta Cup at the Alberta Winter Games held in Lethbridge.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Letter, dated February 21, 1996, from Kevin Bosch, Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Caucus, to Bob Clark, Information and Privacy Commissioner, requesting a review be commenced, subject to section 62 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, of the decision of the head of the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs not to release twenty pages of documentation regarding the Premier's November 1994 trade mission to Asia

Sessional Paper 640/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Economic Value of AMPDC (Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation) to the Alberta Motion Picture Industry, Final Report, prepared by Nordicity Group Ltd., May 15, 1995

Sessional Paper 641/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Straight Talk, Clear Choices, Reinvesting in Alberta, Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 642/96

Budget '96, 1996-97 Budget Highlights and Consolidated Fiscal Summary,
Alberta Government, February 22, 1996

Sessional Paper 644/96

News release, fax-dated February 26, 1996, entitled "Chamber pleased with
prosperity budget," from the Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Sessional Paper 645/96

News release, fax-dated February 23, 1996, entitled "We're thrilled," from the
Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

Sessional Paper 646/96

Media release, entitled "Alberta's Chartered Accountants Applaud Budget
'96," Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta

Sessional Paper 647/96

"Oil's Well in Alberta!" Budget Analysis, Nesbitt Burns, February 22, 1996

Sessional Paper 643/96

Provincial Budget Briefs, CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce)
Wood Gundy Economics, February 26, 1996

Sessional Paper 648/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Privatization and Outsourcing, Laboratory Report, Health Sciences Assoc-
iation of Alberta, prepared by Virtual Business Solutions, January 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 649/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie,
filed the following:

Letter, dated February 14, 1996, from Carol Anne Deane, President, Alberta
Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE), to Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for
Calgary-Currie, regarding Alberta Distance Learning Centre

Sessional Paper 650/96

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar,
filed the following:

Letter, dated January 16, 1996, from Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for
Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, and letter,
dated February 7, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, to
Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding a promised
tax rebate for seniors

Sessional Paper 651/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Team Calgary, winners of the 1996 Alberta Cup at the Alberta Winter Games held in Lethbridge.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Speaker's Ruling — Point of Order, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray

Last Thursday, February 22, 1996, the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray raised a point of order concerning comments made by the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities on Wednesday, February 21, 1996 during second reading debate on Bill 202. At that time the Minister quoted from a letter he had received from the Member for Fort McMurray which dealt with concerns about video lottery terminals. The basis of the point of order was Standing Order 23(i), the well-known prohibition against imputing false or unavowed motives to another Member. The Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East joined in the point of order as the Minister had referred to a letter that Member had sent as well. The Minister's comments are found on page 131 of *Hansard*.

The Chair undertook to review the letters to which the Minister referred during debate and to review *Hansard*. In reviewing the matter, the Chair would note that it is not the Chair's responsibility to pass judgment on the factual accuracy of statements made during debate. It is true that the Hon. Minister used the term "hypocrisy" but that term was not directed specifically at the Members. The Minister may have taken some liberty in characterizing the letter from the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray but that is a matter for debate. He quoted the letter from the Honourable Member for Lethbridge-East almost verbatim.

It appears to the Chair that when the Member for Fort McMurray raised the matter last Thursday, he was trying to clarify what were the views of his constituents as, by his own admission, he was not present for the debate owing to advice from the Ethics Commissioner. The issues raised by both Members appear to fall into the category of a dispute about facts which is not properly a point of order. The Member for Fort McMurray and the Member for Lethbridge-East have had the opportunity to put their positions on the record. That ends the matter.

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9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

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

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, filed the following:

Brochure, Job Action Team

Sessional Paper 652/96

Debate continued.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:20 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of a motion introduced by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, proposing the establishment of subcommittees of the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported point of privilege relevant to the proposed motion.

Pursuant to Standing Order 62(3), Mr. Tannas, Chairman, adjourned the Committee and reported the matter to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

A debate followed.

Mr. Speaker advised he would take the matter under consideration and left the Chair. The Assembly again met in Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) of the General Revenue Fund (Advanced Education and Career Development, Community Development, Education, Energy, Environmental Protection, and Health) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996, 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.

Speaker's Ruling — Question of Privilege Concerning
Establishment of Subcommittees of Supply

The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition has raised a question of privilege in the Committee of Supply about the motion introduced by the Government House Leader to establish subcommittees. In accordance with Standing Order 62(3), the Chairman of the Committee adjourned and reported to the Assembly.

The Leader of the Official Opposition did not make clear how the motion to establish subcommittees of supply was a contempt of the House as distinct from a breach of privilege. It appears to the Chair that the "contempt" focussed on the fact that 2 subcommittees may meet at the same time and that Members may not be able to speak at both subcommittees. This situation appeared to be at the root of the Leader of the Official Opposition's question of privilege as supported by the Honourable Members for Fort McMurray and Sherwood Park.

When a question of privilege is raised in the Assembly it is the Chair's role to determine whether a prima facie question of privilege exists. After considering the matter the Chair finds that there is not a prima facie case of privilege.

In addressing the substance of the motion, the Chair wants to make clear that the motion does not amend or in any way alter the Standing Orders. Clearly the Committee of Supply has no jurisdiction to amend the Standing Orders. The Chair would also like to point out to Members that Standing Order 57(4) expressly provides that any Member who is not a member of a subcommittee is entitled to attend and participate in the meeting although he or she may not vote.

It was suggested that as the provisions of the Standing Orders concerning subcommittees have not been used for some time, they have fallen into disuse. While it is true that subcommittees of supply have not been established since 1979, Standing Orders 57 and 58 are still valid parts of our Standing Orders. Indeed, it appears that when the Standing Orders were revised in 1993 those provisions were amended to account for the existence of Designated Supply Subcommittees.

With respect to the arguments raised about there being 2 meetings at which Members may wish to participate, the Chair refers to Beauchesne's at paragraph 77 where it is stated:

"Freedom of speech does not mean that Members have an unlimited or unrestrained right to speak on every issue. The rules of the House impose limits on the participation of Members and it is the duty of the Speaker to restrain those who abuse the rules."

In this instance, the House has given the power to the Committee of Supply to create subcommittees under Standing Order 57 to consider the estimates. There are no restrictions in the Standing Orders as to how many subcommittees may be established or when they may meet. It is the Chair's understanding that the last time subcommittees were established in 1979, two subcommittees met at the same time.

While attention was devoted during the argument to the privileges of Members, there was little mention of the corporate or collective privileges of the Assembly, one of which is to regulate its own internal affairs free from interference. Beauchesne's states at paragraph 33:

"The most fundamental privilege of the House as a whole is to establish rules of procedure for itself and to enforce them."

In this regard Members are referred to Maingot's book *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* at page 15 and also Chapter 11.

Furthermore, Members are referred to the 21st edition of Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice* where it states at page 90 with respect to the British Houses of Parliament:

"Nevertheless, the right of both Houses to be the sole judge of the lawfulness of their own proceedings, or to settle - and depart from - their own codes of procedure is fully established."

In this instance, if the Chair was to find that a *prima facie* question of privilege existed or that a contempt had been committed, the Chair would, in effect, have to find that the Standing Orders violated the privileges of the Members. To make such a finding could cast doubt upon the House's ability to control its own proceedings, which the Chair is not about to do.

It is the Chair's view that the motion to establish the subcommittees is being done in accordance with the Standing Orders. Accordingly, there is no prima facie question of privilege or a contempt.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration a motion proposing the establishment of four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, 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.

Mr. Tannas also tabled a copy of the motion considered by the Committee of Supply proposing the establishment of four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply for the official records of the Assembly:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply be established by the Committee of Supply with the following names:

- Subcommittee A
- Subcommittee B
- Subcommittee C
- Subcommittee D

2. The membership of the respective subcommittees be as follows:

Subcommittee A

Clegg (Chair)	Henry	Pham
Magnus (Deputy Chair)	Hierath	Renner
Ady	Jacques	Rostad
Burgener	Jonson	Sekulic
Carlson	Massey	Wickman
Doerksen	Mitchell	Zariwny
Havelock	Percy	

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Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	Sapers
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Germain	Shariff
Amery	Hanson	Soetaert
Brassard	Hewes	Yankowsky
Cardinal	Laing	Zariwny
Dickson	Mar	Zwozdesky
Evans	Oberg	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Fischer	Thurber
McFarland (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Trynchy
Abdurahman	Gordon	Vasseur
Beniuk	Kowalski	West
Bracko	Nicol	White
Dickson	Paszkowski	Wickman
Dunford	Severtson	

Subcommittee D

Clegg (Chair)	Dalla-Longa	Leibovici
Calahasen (Deputy Chair)	Day	Lund
Black	Friedel	Mirosh
Bruseker	Germain	Smith
Chadi	Hlady	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Collingwood	Kirkland	Sekulic
Coutts	Langevin	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1997, unless previously designated by the Leader of the Opposition to be considered by the Designated Supply Subcommittees, be referred to the subcommittees for their reports to the Committee of Supply as follows:

Subcommittee A

Advanced Education and Career Development
 Education
 Executive Council
 Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs
 Provincial Treasurer

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Family and Social Services
Health
Justice and Attorney General

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Municipal Affairs
Public Works, Supply and Services
Transportation and Utilities

Subcommittee D

Economic Development and Tourism
Energy
Environmental Protection
Labour
Science and Research

Sessional Paper 653/96

Mr. Clegg also tabled a copy of a letter from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, designating the estimates for consideration of 5 (five) departments by the Designated Supply Subcommittees pursuant to Standing Order 56(2)(a):

Health

Environmental Protection

Education

Economic Development and Tourism

Family and Social Services

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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:56 p.m. until Tuesday, February 27, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 72 Albertans regarding the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 28, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: M169, M170, M172.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of the motion before the Committee of Supply regarding subcommittees shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 26 to March 3, 1996 as "Freedom to Read Week".

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question No. Q249 asked for by Mr. Dickson on November 1, 1995:

On a daily basis, averaged over the entire fiscal year, how many open custody young offenders were on register at the Edmonton and Calgary Young Offender Centres during fiscal years 1990-91, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, and from April 1, 1995 through October 11, 1995?

Sessional Paper 249A/96

Response to Written Question No. Q250 asked for by Mr. Dickson on November 1, 1995:

What are the mandate particulars of the 13 Youth Justice Committees which have been formally designated and the additional 35 Youth Justice Committees which are in the process of being formed as referred to on page 11 of the 1994/95 Annual Report of the Justice Department?

Sessional Paper 250A/96

Response to Written Question No. Q251 asked for by Mr. Dickson on November 1, 1995:

What are the specific details identified in the estimated annual saving of \$1 million under the Civil Enforcement Program referred to on page 6 of the 1994/95 Annual Report of the Justice Department?

Sessional Paper 251A/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Healing Health Care, Prescriptions for an Ailing System, a joint statement from Alberta's health care providers, January 1996

Sessional Paper 655/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, filed the following:

News release, dated February 22, 1996, from AT Plastics Inc. entitled, "AT Plastics announces major polymers plant expansion"

Sessional Paper 656/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, filed the following:

Undated Workers' Compensation Board memo from J. D. Carr to D. V. Holmes regarding amendments to Sections of the Workers Compensation Board Act and Board Orders to deem individuals to be proprietors

Sessional Paper 657/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the celebration of the foundation of the Girl Guides.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Vegreville-Viking, made a statement regarding the opening of the Telehealth Centre.

Mr. Beniuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding measures the Provincial Government could take to protect the public from repeat sexual offenders and filed the following:

Manitoba Community Notification Advisory Committee, Report No. 1,
November 1995

Sessional Paper 658/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 26 to March 3, 1996 as "Freedom to Read Week".

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mrs. Hewes speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Woloshyn:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a policy of notifying communities about offenders upon conviction and prior to their release from prison.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the motion be amended by striking:

of notifying communities about offenders

and substituting:

whereby correctional and justice authorities specifically determine what kind of information should be communicated and how widely it should be communicated to communities about persons convicted of child sexual abuse or dangerous offenders

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned (on amendment), Mr. Sapers speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Environmental Protection, the question was called to grant the following sum:

Environmental Protection

\$3,211,000 Operating Expenditure

to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the resolution: 33

Amery	Forsyth	Mar
Beniuk	Friedel	McClellan
Black	Haley	McFarland
Burgener	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Herard	Pham
Clegg	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Jacques	Shariff
Day	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Langevin	Woloshyn
Evans	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the resolution: 10

Bruseker	Henry	Sekulic
Chadi	Leibovici	Soetaert
Dalla-Longa	Nicol	Wickman
Dickson		

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

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1995-96 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue 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, 1996, for the Minister and purposes indicated:

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Advanced Education and Career Development

\$500,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Community Development

\$1,750,000 Operating Expenditure

Education

\$5,000,000 Operating Expenditure

Energy

\$2,700,000 Capital Investment

Environmental Protection

\$3,211,000 Operating Expenditure

Health

\$67,950,000 Operating Expenditure

Resolved that the transfer be authorized of \$3,000,000 from the Operating Expenditure Vote under the Department of Energy for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996 to the Capital Investment Vote of the Department of Energy.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a certain resolution proposing to establish subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports progress thereon. I wish to table a copy of an amendment proposed in relation to this resolution considered this day for the official records of the Assembly.

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Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion passed this day in Committee of Supply appointing Members to Designated Supply Subcommittees under Standing Order 56(2):

Economic Development and Tourism

McFarland (Chair)	Gordon	Tannas
Bruseker	Kowalski	Trynchy
Carlson	Sekulic	Van Binsbergen
Dunford	Severtson	Woloshyn

Education

Magnus (Chair)	Hierath	Soetaert
Burgener	Jacques	Stelmach
Doerksen	Massey	Woloshyn
Henry	Pham	Zwozdesky

Environmental Protection

Calahasen (Chair)	Herard	Stelmach
Collingwood	Hlady	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Coutts	Langevin	Taylor (Redwater)
Friedel	Percy	White

Family and Social Services

Haley (Chair)	Forsyth	Leibovici
Amery	Hanson	Stelmach
Brassard	Hewes	Shariff
Dickson	Laing	Woloshyn

Health

Oberg (Chair)	Fritz	Sapers
Abdurahman	Havelock	Stelmach
Clegg	Kirkland	Woloshyn
Dickson	Renner	Yankowsky

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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Wednesday, February 28, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 38 residents of Calgary-Buffalo regarding the proposed closure of the Alberta Place District Office of Family and Social Services in downtown Calgary.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 550 residents of southern Alberta regarding Regional Health Authorities' moving elderly people to long term care facilities.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

On request by Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the students, staff and parents of Elmer Gish School for being selected the Top Environment School in Canada.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Action for Health Initiatives, prepared by Health Planning Branch, Alberta Health, February 27, 1996

Sessional Paper 662/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities Construction Report, 1996-97

Sessional Paper 663/96

Mrs. Laing, Chairman, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Annual Report
1994-95

Sessional Paper 24/96

Speaker's Ruling — Point of Privilege

Following Oral Question Period, the Speaker informed the Assembly that he had reviewed the Workers' Compensation Board memorandum tabled by Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, on February 27, 1996 and raised as a possible point of privilege by Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry. The Chair concluded that there did not appear to be any possible question of privilege arising therefrom.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the students, staff and parents of Elmer Gish School for being awarded the prestigious Great Canadian School Search Award as the Top Environment School in Canada.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q157, Q158, Q159, Q160, Q161, Q162, Q163, Q164, Q165, Q176, Q177.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M169. Moved by Ms Hanson:

The staff turnover rates in the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Family and Social Services and a breakdown of each of the staffing classifications for the period January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1995.

M170. Moved by Ms Hanson:

A copy of all assessments conducted on the In-home Support Program for Families in Crises within the Department of Family and Social Services including who conducted the assessment, over what time frame, and the type of assessment used, for the period January 1, 1994, to December 31, 1995.

The following Motion for Return was rejected:

M172. Moved by Mr. Kirkland on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of all documentation which indicate how the costs are calculated for medical supplies paid directly by patients, such as fibreglass for casts.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M166, M167, M168, M171, M173, M174, M175, M178.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 204 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act —
Mr. Sekulic

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:27 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the following motion:

1. Oral notice having been given Tuesday, February 27, 1996, Hon. Mr. Day, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Black, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of the motion before the Committee of Supply regarding subcommittees shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	Pham
Brassard	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Kowalski	Severtson
Day	Laing	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Stelmach
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	McClellan	Thurber
Fischer	McFarland	West
Friedel	Mirosh	Yankowsky
Fritz	Oberg	

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Collingwood	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Zariwny
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

During Committee of Supply consideration of the following amendment, introduced by Hon. Mr. Day on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, that the motion (introduced by Hon. Mr. Day on Monday, February 26, 1996) be amended by adding at the end:

4. When the Committee of Supply is called to consider the Main Estimates it shall, on the six (6) calendar days after agreement of the motion establishing the subcommittees, when Main Estimates are under consideration, resolve itself into two (2) of the four (4) subcommittees, both of which shall meet and report to the Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Amery	Havelock	Pham
Brassard	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Kowalski	Severtson
Day	Laing	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Stelmach
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	McClellan	Thurber
Fischer	McFarland	West
Friedel	Mirosh	Yankowsky
Fritz	Oberg	

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Collingwood	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Zariwny
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

Pursuant to Committee of Supply Motion No. 1 agreed to earlier today and Standing Order 21(2)(b), at 12:07 a.m., the question being immediately put, the motion as amended was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	Pham
Brassard	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Kowalski	Severtson
Day	Laing	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Stelmach
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	McClellan	Thurber
Fischer	McFarland	West
Friedel	Mirosh	Yankowsky
Fritz	Oberg	

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Collingwood	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Zariwny
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

The motion as amended read as follows:

Be it resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply be established by the Committee of Supply with the following names:

Subcommittee A
 Subcommittee B
 Subcommittee C
 Subcommittee D

2. The membership of the respective subcommittees be as follows:

Subcommittee A

Clegg (Chair)	Henry	Pham
Magnus (Deputy Chair)	Hierath	Renner
Ady	Jacques	Rostad
Burgener	Jonson	Sekulic
Carlson	Massey	Wickman
Doerksen	Mitchell	Zariwny
Havelock	Percy	

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	Sapers
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Germain	Shariff
Amery	Hanson	Soetaert
Brassard	Hewes	Yankowsky
Cardinal	Laing	Zariwny
Dickson	Mar	Zwozdesky
Evans	Oberg	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Fischer	Thurber
McFarland (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Trynchy
Abdurahman	Gordon	Vasseur
Beniuk	Kowalski	West
Bracko	Nicol	White
Dickson	Paszkowski	Wickman
Dunford	Severtson	

Subcommittee D

Clegg (Chair)	Dalla-Longa	Leibovici
Calahasen (Deputy Chair)	Day	Lund
Black	Friedel	Mirosh
Bruseker	Germain	Smith
Chadi	Hlady	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Collingwood	Kirkland	Sekulic
Coutts	Langevin	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1997, unless previously designated by the Leader of the Opposition to be considered by the Designated Supply Subcommittees, be referred to the subcommittees for their reports to the Committee of Supply as follows:

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Subcommittee A

Advanced Education and Career Development
Education
Executive Council
Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs
Provincial Treasurer

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Family and Social Services
Health
Justice and Attorney General

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Municipal Affairs
Public Works, Supply and Services
Transportation and Utilities

Subcommittee D

Economic Development and Tourism
Energy
Environmental Protection
Labour
Science and Research

4. When the Committee of Supply is called to consider the Main Estimates it shall, on the six (6) calendar days after agreement of the motion establishing the subcommittees, when Main Estimates are under consideration, resolve itself into two (2) of the four (4) subcommittees, both of which shall meet and report to the Committee of Supply.

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that the Committee of Supply rise and report, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	Pham
Brassard	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Kowalski	Severtson
Day	Laing	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Stelmach
Dunford	Mar	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	McClellan	Thurber
Fischer	McFarland	West
Friedel	Mirosh	Yankowsky
Fritz	Oberg	

Against the motion: 25

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Collingwood	Leibovici	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Zariwny
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain		

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Transportation and Utilities, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Transportation and Utilities:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Business Plan and Supplementary Information, Alberta
Transportation and Utilities, 1996-99

Sessional Paper 665/96

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a motion proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, reports approval thereof, and requests leave to sit again. I would like to table a copy of this resolution for the official records of the Assembly.

Sessional Paper 664/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Privilege

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, indicated he wished to raise a purported point of privilege regarding his rights as a Member of the Legislative Assembly being infringed by the creation of subcommittees of the Committee of Supply.

The Deputy Speaker indicated he would take the matter under advisement.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:52 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 29, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon the recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Hon. Mrs. Black

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Partial list of film and television projects cancelled or leaving Alberta due to the Province's withdrawal of support for AMPDC (Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation)

Sessional Paper 666/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Handbook for Action Against Prostitution of Youth in Calgary,
Recommendations of the Prostitution Policy, Service and Research Committee
for the Calgary Community

Sessional Paper 667/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 110/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, filed the following:

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety, Work Site Service Report, dated
December 10, 1992, regarding Kawneer Company Canada Ltd.

Sessional Paper 668/96

Various safety committee minutes, Kawneer Company Canada Ltd., 1993-95

Sessional Paper 669/96

List of employees and symptoms of health problems

Sessional Paper 670/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement announcing that March 3 to 9, 1996 is Agriculture week.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, made a statement regarding the Michener Centre in Red Deer, recognizing the staff of the Centre and the evolution of the facility.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the closure of beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton and the provision of an appropriate level of care to people who have a right to a dignified existence.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave a brief history of unions and made a statement regarding the disturbing trend of current public sector union emphasis on wages.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 4 to March 7, 1996:

Monday, March 4	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee of Supply Subcommittees (A) Executive Council (Chamber) (D) Science and Research (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act Bill 7, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 Bill 9, Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 Committee of the Whole Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act

- Tuesday, March 5 (4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 As per Order Paper
Committee of the Whole
 As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Committee of Supply**
Subcommittees
 (A) Advanced Education and Career Development (Chamber)
 (B) Justice and Attorney General (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
- Wednesday, March 6 Eve. - **Committee of Supply**
Subcommittees
 (D) Energy (Chamber)
 (B) Community Development (Room 512, Leg. Bldg)
Government Bills and Orders
Third Reading
 Bill 10, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
- Thursday, March 7 Aft. - **Committee of Supply**
Subcommittees
 (C) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Chamber)
 (A) Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Room 512, Leg. Bldg.)
Second Reading
 Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

Speaker's Ruling — Privilege

Hon. Members, last night we had a very late, long evening, and the Chair wants to deal with a couple of things, as indicated, about last night's business. First of all, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo raised a question of privilege in the Assembly about the motion passed in the Committee of Supply to establish subcommittees. The Hon. Member attempted to distinguish his question of privilege from that raised by the Leader of the Opposition on the evening of February 26. Both applications dealt with the issue of two subcommittees meeting at the same time. The Chair's ruling on February 26 expressly addressed the issue of a Member's privilege of freedom of speech. The Chair ruled that there was no prima facie question of privilege, and that should have ended the matter. Not only is the question of privilege raised by the Member for Calgary-Buffalo indistinguishable from the previous question of privilege, it is inconceivable to the Chair how the Member could say that this was raised at the earliest opportunity when the motion was introduced in the committee on Monday night. If the Member had something to contribute, he should have contributed it on Monday night. The question of passing has nothing whatever to do with it.

Questions of privilege are the most serious matters an Assembly can address. They should not be raised frivolously. The Hon. Member knew his question was virtually identical to his leader's, yet chose to take up the time of the House at a very late hour last night. There is no prima facie case of privilege, and the matter was not raised at the earliest opportunity.

The Chair also received written notice from the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray under Standing Order 15(2) of a purported question of privilege that arrived today. The essence of his question concerns two subcommittees meeting at the same time, and I'm wondering whether there's an echo in here. The same principles are involved as in the other two purported questions of privilege. The principles were addressed in the Chair's ruling of February 26. The Member indicated that he sits on two subcommittees that are scheduled to meet at the same time. The actual membership of the subcommittees is a matter for the Committee of Supply. The matter mirrors the other two questions of privilege. The Chair will not entertain any more debate on that purported question of privilege or other questions of privilege that are virtually the same as the two already raised.

— Lottery Fund Estimates

It has been brought to the Chair's attention that yesterday when the Committee of Supply was considering the estimates for the Department of Transportation and Utilities, it also began considering the Lottery Fund Estimates. The Chair advises all Members of the Assembly that any consideration of Lottery Fund Estimates yesterday was not in order. The Lottery Fund Estimates are not part of the Main Estimates and cannot be considered with the Main Estimates. Standing Order 58(2.1) reads "The Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the estimates of the Alberta Lottery Fund on not more than 2 sitting days."

The Chair understands that the Government will be presenting a motion to the Legislative Assembly to refer the Lottery Fund Estimates to the Committee of Supply for its consideration. Although this may be viewed as a matter to be determined in the Committee of Supply, the Chair finds that the Lottery Fund Estimates have not been referred to the Committee of Supply, then they reside with the Assembly until they are.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 2 and 3 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Labour (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Alberta Labour Business Plan and Supplementary Information,
1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 671/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the report: 31

Amery	Clegg	Haley
Beniuk	Coutts	Havelock
Black	Day	Herard
Brassard	Dunford	Hierath
Burgener	Forsyth	Hlady
Calahasen	Fritz	Jacques

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Laing	Oberg	Thurber
Lund	Renner	Trynchy
Magnus	Rostad	Woloshyn
McFarland	Severtson	Yankowsky
Mirosh		

Against the report: 13

Abdurahman	Leibovici	Soetaert
Bracko	Massey	Taylor ^(Redwater)
Collingwood	Sapers	Vasseur
Dickson	Sekulic	Wickman
Hewes		

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a resolution agreed to in Committee of Supply making the following changes to the membership of the Subcommittees of Supply:

On Subcommittee A, that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Zariwny be removed and replaced with Mr. Van Binsbergen and Mr. Chadi, and

On Subcommittee D, that Mr. Chadi be removed and replaced with Mr. N. Taylor

Sessional Paper 672/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, March 4, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from Albertans regarding a mandated, fully funded kindergarten program.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to refuse to implement the proposed health care database on the grounds that the security of the personal information contained in this data may be at risk, and this peril outweighs any benefit from the centralization of this information.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to ensure that the Alberta Place District Office of Family and Social Services will not be closed as an SFI office until alternate service delivery points are established and accessible to all residents of downtown Calgary.

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to prohibit Regional Health Authorities from moving elderly people against their will to long term care facilities in communities far from their families, churches and other community supports, thereby greatly lessening their quality of life.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertan artists Paul Gross and Tantoo Cardinal for winning top honours at the Tenth Annual Gemini Awards celebration yesterday.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated March 4, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Pandas Volleyball Team, University of Alberta, offering congratulations for winning the Canadian University Women's Volleyball Championship for the second year in a row

Sessional Paper 673/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated March 4, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, regarding the establishment of Subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and Mr. Dickson's ability to represent Calgarians in the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 674/96

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Letter, dated February 28, 1996, from Robert C. Clark, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Kevin Bosch, Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Caucus, regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for review of documents held by the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

Sessional Paper 675/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 95/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 93/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Society of Management Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 94/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cC-8.5, s8:

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 97/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 99/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-25.01, s7(2):

Psychologists Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 108/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 105/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 21/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s16:

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, March 31, 1995
Sessional Paper 121/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Deficit Elimination Act, cD-6.5, s7.1 and 10:

Second Quarter Update, 1995-96 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 122/96

Third Quarter Update, 1995-96 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 122A/96

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Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Exhibit (d) to the Province of Alberta's Annual Report on Form 18-K to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 676/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Offering Circular, Euro Medium Term Note Programme for the issue of notes with maturities of up to 15 years, U.S. \$2,200,200,000, Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 677/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour:

Business Plan, Alberta Boilers Safety Association, February 29, 1996

Sessional Paper 678/96

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 679/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, filed the following:

Alberta Health news release, dated January 30, 1996, entitled "Health Minister provides \$11.4 million to cut waiting list pressures"

Sessional Paper 680/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertan artists Paul Gross and Tantoo Cardinal for winning top honours at the Tenth Annual Gemini Awards celebration yesterday.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Days 4 and 5 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Science and Research (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Executive Council (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a copy of a resolution agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply for the Official records of the Assembly:

Be it resolved that Ms Leibovici be appointed to the Designated Subcommittee dealing with the estimates of the Department of Health, to replace Mr. Kirkland

Sessional Paper 681/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Notices of Motions

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to notices of motion.

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Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, gave oral notice of the Premier's intention to move the following motion tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5, 1996:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Consideration of His Honour the Administrator's Speech (Day 9)

Moved by Mr. Stelmach and seconded by Mr. Shariff:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Administrator as follows:

To His Honour Mr. Justice J.W. McClung, the Administrator of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Tuesday, March 5, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to uphold the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 6, 1996:

Written Questions: Q158, Q160, Q161, Q162, Q163.

Motions for Returns: M171.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Final report of the Quality of Life Commission, entitled "Listen to Me"
Sessional Paper 682/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Excerpt from the Alberta Treasury Branches 1995 Annual Report outlining the corporate strategy of the bank

Sessional Paper 683/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, filed the following:

Alberta Liberal Caucus News, February 6, 1996, entitled "Albertans need better access to physiotherapy"

Sessional Paper 684/96

Members' Statements

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the upcoming federal budget and what principles it should address.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the reduction in the size of Government since being elected 4 years ago today and expressing gratitude to the constituents of Little Bow for allowing him the privilege of serving them.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the future of Canada and the maintenance of the educational levels of students.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 204 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act —
Mr. Sekulic

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(i), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sekulic
Bracko	Henry	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Massey	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	White
Decore	Nicol	Wickman
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sapers	

Against the motion: 40

Ady	Havelock	Pham
Amery	Herard	Renner
Brassard	Hierath	Rostad
Burgener	Hlady	Severtson
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Jonson	Smith
Coutts	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Evans	Magnus	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	Trynchy
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Woloshyn:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a policy of notifying communities about offenders upon conviction and prior to their release from prison.

Debate continued (on amendment) introduced by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on Tuesday, February 27, 1996.

Pursuant to standing Order 8(4), the question was put on the amendment, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abdurahman	Henry	Sekulic
Bracko	Kirkland	Soetaert
Bruseker	Leibovici	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Mitchell	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Nicol	White
Decore	Percy	Wickman
Germain	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Hanson		

Against the amendment: 38

Ady	Havelock	Renner
Amery	Herard	Rostad
Brassard	Hierath	Severtson
Burgener	Hlady	Shariff
Cardinal	Jacques	Smith
Clegg	Kowalski	Stelmach
Coutts	Laing	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dinning	Langevin	Thurber
Doerksen	Magnus	Trynchy
Evans	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Yankowsky
Gordon	Pham	

Pursuant to standing Order 8(4), the question was immediately put on the motion, which was agreed to.

503. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address the problem of child prostitution in order to end the exploitation of Alberta's children.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Dr. L. Taylor speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 —
Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Germain speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Administrator's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion, which was agreed to:

Moved by Mr. Stelmach and seconded by Mr. Shariff:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Administrator as follows:

To His Honour Mr. Justice J.W. McClung, the Administrator of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein (oral notice having been given Monday, March 4, 1996):

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:17 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 6 and 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a copy of a resolution agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply for the Official records of the Assembly:

Be it resolved that Mr. Beniuk be appointed to the Designated Supply Subcommittee dealing with the estimates of the Department of Education to replace Mr. Woloshyn

Sessional Paper 685/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to reduce the time between division bells from 10 to two minutes.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking

\$77,911,000

and substituting

\$74,700,001

and in the schedule by striking

\$3,211,000

and substituting

\$1

Debate continued on amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 15

Carlson	Henry	Sapers
Chadi	Hewes	Sekulic
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Germain	Nicol	Van Binsbergen
Hanson	Percy	Wickman

Against the amendment: 34

Ady	Coutts	Herard
Amery	Day	Hierath
Brassard	Dinning	Hlady
Burgener	Doerksen	Jacques
Cardinal	Evans	Kowalski
Clegg	Havelock	Laing

Langevin	Pham	Stelmach
Magnus	Renner	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Mar	Rostad	Thurber
McClellan	Severtson	Woloshyn
McFarland	Shariff	Yankowsky
Oberg		

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 686/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 6, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon the recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 12 Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Discussion Paper, Appeal Mechanisms Review, Provincial Health Council of Alberta, March 1996

Sessional Paper 687/96

Alberta Health news release dated March 6, 1996, entitled "Health Minister releases Provincial Health Council paper on appeals review"

Sessional Paper 688/96

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report to the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Minister of Health, and the Provincial Mental Health Board, Mental Health Action Coalition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 689/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter, dated March 5, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Ben Ferreira, c/o Royal Glenora Club, offering congratulations for winning his first international junior men's skating title at the Orex Cup in Budapest, Hungary

Sessional Paper 690/96

3 letters, dated March 6, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Devan Nychka, Beaverlodge, Michelle Mah, Slave Lake, and Brandi Haberstock, Fort McMurray, offering congratulations for medal performances at the 1996 Arctic Winter Games in Alaska

Sessional Paper 691/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

State of the County Address, Strathcona County, Mayor Vern Hartwell, Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Sessional Paper 692/96

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont:

6 letters, variously dated and signed, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, regarding mandatory mediation between couples before the courts grant divorce

Sessional Paper 693/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, filed the following:

Alberta Health news release, dated March 6, 1996, entitled "Health Minister releases Provincial Health Council paper on appeals review"

Sessional Paper 694/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q158. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

How many non-fatal and how many fatal accidents occurred each year between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1995 on each of the following roads: the bridge over the North Saskatchewan River, immediately north of Fort Saskatchewan; between the north end of the bridge and the north east end of the Manning Freeway; on highway 37 between the north east end of the Manning Freeway and Highway 28A; and on the Manning Freeway between the north east end of the Freeway and Highway 28A?

Q160. Moved by Ms Hanson:

Of the 72 percent of welfare clients who have gone through the Employment Alternatives Program and are now employed or in further training after the 3-month evaluation: what is the duration of employment for those classified as employed at the time of evaluation; what percentage of those employed are working full-time; how many are working part-time; what is the average wage of those classified as employed; and for those remaining in training, what kinds of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Q161. Moved Ms Hanson:

For those welfare clients who have gone through the Enhanced Employment Alternatives Program and are employed or in training after the 3-month evaluation: what is the duration of employment for those classified as employed at the time of evaluation; what percentage of those employed are working full-time; how many are working part-time; what is the average wage of those classified as employed; and for those remaining in training, what kinds of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Q162. Moved by Ms Hanson:

What are the types of jobs and training and what is the average wage for those welfare clients in the 66 percent success rate for training on the job, and for those remaining in training, what type of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Q163. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

What are the detailed procedural steps used to determine the 92 percent pay out level of video lottery terminals owned by the Government?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q157, Q159, Q164, Q165, Q176, Q177.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted:

M171. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

Copies of tests and/or data which certify the 92 percent pay out level of individual video lottery terminals owned by the Government.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M166, M167, M168, M173, M174, M175, M178.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 206 Recall Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:27 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 8 and 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Energy (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee B) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Community Development:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Alberta Community Development, Business Plan and
Supplementary Information, 1996-97 to 1998-99
Sessional Paper 695/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon.
Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, March 7, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 1996

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

Introduction of Visitors

Speaker's Statement — Resignation of Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater

Honourable Members, I have the honour to inform the Legislative Assembly that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation in the constituency of Redwater, namely, Mr. Nick Taylor, who resigned today, March 7, 1996. A warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a writ will be addressed to fill this vacancy. Effective immediately, Mr. Nick Taylor has been summoned to the Senate of Canada.

Mr. Taylor served as Leader of the Alberta Liberal Party from 1974 to 1988. He was first elected to the Alberta Legislature in 1986, and was re-elected in the 1989 and 1993 general elections. During his term of service, he represented the constituencies of Westlock-Sturgeon and Redwater.

This afternoon, The Honourable Nick Taylor, Senator, is seated in the Speaker's Gallery and I would ask him to rise and receive the congratulations of this Assembly.

The unanimous consent of the House was granted for one Member on each side of the House to speak to this occasion.

Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock, and Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, offered congratulatory remarks.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 27 Alberta seniors regarding health care, home care, and the dignity and independence of seniors.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Alberta Health, Three-Year Business Plan and Supplement, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75/96

Aspen Regional Health Authority, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75A/96

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75B/96

Capital Health Authority, Directional Plan Update, 1996-99

Sessional Paper 75C/96

Chinook Health Region, Three-Year Business Plan, January 1996 and Appendix A, Program and Services Plans, January 1996

Sessional Paper 75D/96

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75E/96

David Thompson Health Region Business Plan (Preliminary), January 1996

Sessional Paper 75F/96

East Central Regional Health Authority, Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75G/96

Headwaters Health Authority, Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75H/96

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority, Three-Year Health Business Plan, 1996 to 1999

Sessional Paper 75I/96

Lakeland Health Region, Three-Year Business Plan, January 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 75J/96

Mistahia Regional Health Authority, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99 and Program and Services Descriptions, January 1996

Sessional Paper 75K/96

Northern Lights Regional Health Authority, Health Business Plan II, January 25, 1996

Sessional Paper 75L/96

Northwestern Health Services Region, Three-Year Business Plan, January 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 75M/96

Palliser Health Authority, Three-Year Business Plan, revised January 1996

Sessional Paper 75N/96

Peace Health Region, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-99

Sessional Paper 75O/96

Westview Regional Health Authority, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75P/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated March 6, 1996, from Brian Lemon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Health Authority, regarding Capital Health Authority funding for joint replacement surgery

Sessional Paper 696/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated March 6, 1996, from Gerald McCaughey, President, Association of Professors Emeriti, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the appropriateness of the Public Service Commissioner reviewing academic credentials

Sessional Paper 697/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, announced that March 8, 1996 is International Women's Day.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, filed the following:

Letter, dated August 15, 1995, from Alberta Energy, Operations and Support Division, regarding a Government of Alberta announcement indicating the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission will continue to market crown royalty crude

Sessional Paper 698/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding the joint project of Nova Corp. Chemical and Union Carbide to establish the world's largest polyethylene plant in Joffre, Alberta.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the rights of aboriginal women who marry non-natives and Bill C-31.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the advantages of investing and locating in Alberta.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 11 to March 14, 1996:

Monday, March 11	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act
		Bill 7, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996
		Bill 8, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
		Bill 9, Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 12, Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act

Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act

Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act

Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Subcommittees

(A) Provincial Treasurer (Chamber)

(C) Public Works, Supply and Services (Room 512, Leg. Bldg.)

Second Reading

Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

Tuesday, March 12

(4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

As per Order Paper

Eve. - **Committee of Supply** (Reporting)

Transportation and Utilities

Municipal Affairs

Labour

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

Wednesday, March 13	Eve.	- Committee of Supply (Reporting) Executive Council Science and Research Advanced Education and Career Development Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996
Thursday, March 14	Aft.	- Committee of Supply (Reporting) Justice and Attorney General Energy Community Development

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Days 10 and 11 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee C) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Business Plan and
Supplementary Information, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 18/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 11, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 1996

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

Speaker's Statement — Commonwealth Day

Hon. Members, today, March 11th, 1996 is Commonwealth Day and is commemorated by parliamentarians throughout the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has a special importance for us because it consists of a group of nations which share our own tradition of parliamentary self-government. It is worthy of our deepest commitment and our strongest support. Commonwealth Day gives us the opportunity of pledging ourselves to rid our world of poverty, ignorance and injustice and to do our best for the promotion of world peace and prosperity. The Alberta Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is comprised of all Members of the Legislative Assembly and the association has enriched the sharing of parliamentary ideas with our colleagues. In commemoration of Commonwealth Day 1996, Members will find a copy of Her Majesty's Message on their desks.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Red Deer College Kings on winning the Canadian Colleges men's volleyball championship for the second year in a row on Saturday, March 9, 1996, in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated March 11, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Jann Arden, Music Works Inc., Calgary, offering congratulations on being awarded the 1996 Juno Award for Best Video, "Good Mother"

Sessional Paper 699/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letters, dated March 11, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Alberta participants at the 1996 Arctic Winter Games in Alaska, offering congratulations for medals won

Sessional Paper 700/96

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M228 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 10, 1995:

Copies of all published data and materials compiled between January 1, 1992, and April 4, 1995, to justify the Government's position that Alberta farmers support the right to access a continental market for wheat and barley.

Sessional Paper 228A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M229 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 10, 1995:

All data from January 1, 1993 to April 5, 1995, which illustrates the level of credentials or participation in retraining by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development employees whose job description has been reclassified to Regional Specialists.

Sessional Paper 229A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M230 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 10, 1995:

How many escapes of domesticated game animals to the wild and how many incidences of domesticated game animals and wild game animals mixing on game farms have occurred since the inception of game farming in Alberta to March 30, 1995.

Sessional Paper 230A/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Business Plan and Supplementary Information, 1996-99

Sessional Paper 11/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Medicine Hat College, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 701/96

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 702/96

Grant MacEwan Community College, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 703/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27, s12(2) and 13(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Second Quarter Investment Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 704/96

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Third Quarter Investment Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 705/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Documents relating to the Province's sale of its securities in Vencap Equities to Onex Corporation

Sessional Paper 706/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Response to Written Question No. Q158 asked for by Mr. N. Taylor on March 6, 1996:

How many non-fatal and how many fatal accidents occurred each year between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1995 on each of the following roads: the bridge over the North Saskatchewan River, immediately north of Fort Saskatchewan; between the north end of the bridge and the north east end of the Manning Freeway; on highway 37 between the north east end of the Manning Freeway and Highway 28A; and on the Manning Freeway between the north east end of the Freeway and Highway 28A?

Sessional Paper 158/96

Response to Written Question No. Q163 asked for by Mr. Wickman on March 6, 1996:

What are the detailed procedural steps used to determine the 92 percent pay out level of video lottery terminals owned by the Government?

Sessional Paper 163/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M171 asked for by Mr. Wickman on March 6, 1996:

Copies of tests and/or data which certify the 92 percent pay out level of individual video lottery terminals owned by the Government.

Sessional Paper 171/96

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M276 asked for by Mr. Dickson on November 1, 1995:

A copy of the report Review of Privatization of Correctional Services in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 276A/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

News release, dated March 8, 1996, from the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation, entitled "Decision Made on Future Operations of Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation"

Sessional Paper 707/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated March 11, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding concerns about diminished accountability arising from recent changes to the budget review process

Sessional Paper 708/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter, dated March 6, 1996, from Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, to Hon. Ms Copps, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Canadian Heritage, regarding recent increases in AGT (Alberta Government Telephones) rates for residential users

Sessional Paper 709/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, filed the following:

News release, dated March 8, 1996, from the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation, entitled "Decision Made on Future Operations of Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation"

Sessional Paper 710/96

Tabling Returns and Reports

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 711/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Red Deer College Kings on winning the Canadian Colleges men's volleyball championship for the second year in a row on Saturday, March 9, 1996, in Truro, Nova Scotia.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions****11.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1996-97 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1996-97 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 —
Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Dr. West, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:18 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 12 and 13 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Provincial Treasurer (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Dinning during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Provincial Treasurer:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Alberta Treasury Business Plan and Supplementary Information,
1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 126/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,216 Calgarians regarding the maintenance of adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary at the same level as postsecondary institutions in the province.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 1,200 Calgarians regarding the maintenance of adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary at the same level as postsecondary institutions in the province.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 1,616 Calgarians regarding the maintenance of adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary at the same level as postsecondary institutions in the province.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 13, 1996:

Written Questions: Q157, Q159, Q164, Q165, Q176, Q177.

Motions for Returns: M166, M167, M168, M173, M174, M175.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Response to Written Question No. Q223 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on May 10, 1995:

What services did Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Audio Visual Services contract from Tinsel Media Productions Ltd. during the winter of 1994/95 on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection, and what was the total cost?

Sessional Paper 223A/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

10 letters, variously dated and signed, to Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development and Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the depletion of funding for the Viscount Bennett Centre, Calgary, by 1996

Sessional Paper 712/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter to the Editor of the Grove Examiner, fax-dated February 27, 1996, from Donna Halprin, Trail, British Columbia, regarding the treatment of her mother, Lydia Vander Schaaf, by the Stony Plain Municipal Hospital and the Capital Health Authority, following a stroke

Sessional Paper 713/96

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Progress Report on the Mayor's Task Force Recommendations, Action Committee Against Violence, January 1996

Sessional Paper 714/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding the lowest per capita funding of the Westview Regional Health Authority and the impact of such low funding on people such as Lydia Vander Schaaf of Stony Plain.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement reading from the University of Lethbridge publication, Aperture, regarding the University of Lethbridge finishing tenth in the country for published research papers, outperforming 82 other Canadian universities, as reported by Science Watch.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, made a statement regarding Edmonton having the worst jobless figures in the province because of Government downsizing, especially in health care.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Speaker's Statement — Order Paper Regularized

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, to regularize the Order Paper to account for the recent resignation of the Member for Redwater, Mr. N. Taylor, Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, will take responsibility for Motion Other Than Government Motion 511, Written Question Q157 and Motion for Returns M167 and M168. Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 39, Motions Other Than Government Motions 560 and 529 are withdrawn.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 206 Recall Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address the problem of child prostitution in order to end the exploitation of Alberta's children.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

504. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that effective government must meet the tests of integrity, fiscal responsibility and community building based on shared values in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Sekulic speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 12 Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon.
Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 —
Mr. Severtson.

Bill 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Hon. Mrs. Black

Bill 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Havelock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:25 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Forsyth reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Labour, Municipal Affairs and Transportation and Utilities, reports progress 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. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary are supported at the same level as post-secondary institutions in the province.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary are supported at the same level as post-secondary institutions in the province.

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure adult education programs at Viscount Bennett Centre in Calgary are supported at the same level as post-secondary institutions in the province.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

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

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

7 letters, variously dated, from members of the Alberta Liquor Store Association, regarding the plight of 600 independent liquor stores in the province as major retail grocers are allowed to enter the marketing of liquor
Sessional Paper 715/96

News release, dated March 4, 1996, from the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, entitled "Grocers want in-store liquor boutiques"
Sessional Paper 716/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter to the editor, dated February 25, 1996, Leduc Sunday Rep, regarding the paper's coverage of Mr. Kirkland's presentation to the Crossroads Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 717/96

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Classroom '95, Time to Reinvest, A Study of the Classroom Impact of Educational Funding Cuts, Educational Issues Subcommittee, Edmonton Public Teachers, Local 37, January 1996

Sessional Paper 718/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Editorial, dated March 5, 1996, Community Press, entitled "Pie in the Sky"

Sessional Paper 719/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 5, 1996, from Kevin Bosch, Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Caucus, to Hon. Mr. Fischer, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, regarding the appointment by Cabinet of an adjudicator to deal with a review concerning a request for records from the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

Sessional Paper 720/96

Following Oral Question Period, during presentation of a purported Point of Order, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 12, 1996, from Peter Green, Reeve, County of Vermilion River #24, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, indicating the support of the County Council for the Hotel de Health's proposals for the Islay and Galahad Hospitals

Sessional Paper 721/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q157. Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

What are the estimated volumes of deciduous and coniferous timber that were stolen from Crown land between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1995?

Q164. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Which waste management authorities received provincial funds for the planning and construction of landfills and other solid waste treatment facilities (including composting) each year between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1995, how much did each receive and for what purpose?

Q165. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

How much was spent to dredge the Kananaskis River close to the Kananaskis Golf Course each year from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1995, and from which budget was this paid; what is the projected cost to move the Kananaskis River into a former river channel to prevent flooding of the golf course; what are the plans to proceed with this realignment; and from what budget would the cost be paid?

Q176. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What are the criteria for classifying a provincial inmate as a minimum security inmate and who determines that classification?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

Q159. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

Which of the provincial correctional institutions have laundry facilities; what is the complete inventory of each of the laundry facilities; which of the provincial correctional institutions have a greenhouse; what is the size of each greenhouse and the inventory contained in each; which of the provincial correctional institutions have shop facilities with the necessary equipment for activities such as shoe repair or furniture construction and repair; and what is the complete inventory of each of the shop facilities?

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

Which of the provincial correctional institutions have laundry facilities; what is the *inventory of the major capital equipment* in each of the laundry facilities; which of the provincial correctional institutions have a greenhouse; what is the size of each greenhouse and the *major capital inventory* contained in each; which of the provincial correctional institutions have shop facilities with the necessary equipment for activities such as shoe repair or furniture construction and repair; and what is the *major capital inventory contained in* each of the shop facilities?

The following Written Question was rejected:

Q177. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the average number of cases handled by each Crown Prosecutor in the Province for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q179, Q180, Q181, Q187.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M168. Moved by Mr. Collingwood on behalf of Mr. Van Binsbergen:

A list of all projects that were approved for funding under the Forest Resource Improvement Program, from January 1, 1995 until December 31, 1995, giving the name of each company, a summary of each project and the amount granted.

M173. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A list providing the names and locations of all sites approved under each subsection of section 15.1 of the Special Waste Management Corporation Act to store hazardous waste, operate a facility for the collection of hazardous waste, treat hazardous waste and dispose of hazardous waste.

M174. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A list of all site nominations submitted under the Special Places program, including their location, area and size, and the status of each nominated site in the review process on February 13, 1996.

M175. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A list showing how all proceeds from the 1995 special auction and raffle for two sheep and two elk permits were distributed, including a summary of each project, the amount allocated, the name of the body responsible for administering the project and what plans have been made for auditing the projects.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

M166. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

A copy of all contracts between the Justice Department and independent contractors for the provision of laundry services to all provincial correctional and remand centres from June 15, 1993 to February 13, 1996.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

A copy of all contracts between the Justice Department and independent contractors for the provision of laundry services to all provincial correctional and remand centres from June 15, 1993 to February 13, 1996. *As the contractor's bargaining position could be adversely affected if contract amounts are disclosed, the contracted dollar amounts, as per section 15(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, have been severed.*

The Speaker advised the Assembly that the preceding amendment did not establish a precedent precluding the Assembly from seeking information protected by section 15(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

M167. Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

The penalties assessed against commercial timber operators for breaches of the Forests Act and regulations or of the Alberta timber harvest planning and operating ground rules, where the penalty exceeded \$1000, the name of the operator, the nature of the infringement, the amount of the penalty and the date on which the infringement and penalty were made known to the public for the period January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

The penalties assessed against commercial timber operators for breaches of the Forests Act and regulations or of the Alberta timber harvest planning and operating ground rules, where the penalty exceeded \$1000, the name of the *company*, the nature of the infringement, the amount of the penalty and the date on which the *penalty was assessed* for the period January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M178, M182, M183, M184, M185, M186, M188.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 206 Recall Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Abdurahman	Havelock	Percy
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Hlady	Vasseur
Collingwood	Kirkland	White
Day	Leibovici	Zariwny
Dickson	Massey	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	Nicol	

Against the motion: 37

Ady	Haley	Pham
Beniuk	Herard	Renner
Black	Jacques	Severtson
Brassard	Jonson	Shariff
Burgener	Laing	Smith
Calahasen	Langevin	Stelmach
Cardinal	Magnus	Tannas
Coutts	Mar	Taylor
Doerksen	McClellan	Thurber
Evans	McFarland	Trynchy
Fischer	Mirosh	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of a resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole, which read as follows:

Be it resolved that Committee of the Whole defer consideration of Bill 203, Family Dispute Resolution Act, until April 17, 1996, or until the first day for consideration of Private Members business after that date.

Sessional Paper 722/96

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 207 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Bruseker

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 14

Abdurahman	Hewes	Soetaert
Bracko	Kirkland	Vasseur
Collingwood	Leibovici	White
Dickson	Massey	Zwozdesky
Henry	Nicol	

Against the motion: 37

Ady	Haley	Mirosh
Beniuk	Havelock	Oberg
Brassard	Herard	Pham
Burgener	Hierath	Severtson
Calahasen	Hlady	Shariff
Coutts	Jacques	Smith
Dinning	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Laing	Taylor
Dunford	Langevin	Thurber
Evans	Magnus	West
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 15 — Main Estimates)

According to order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Executive Council; Science and Research; and Advanced Education and Career Development, reports progress thereon and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Jacques, Chairman, Northern Alberta Development Council, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Executive Council; and copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Northern Development Budget Detail, 1996-97

Sessional Paper 723/96

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Responses to
Questions from Committee of Supply, Wednesday, March 13, 1996

Sessional Paper 724/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:58 p.m. until Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill 17 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

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

Bill 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, dated September 11, 1995, from Robert Clark, Office of the Ethics Commissioner, to Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, indicating the Commissioner's finding that Mr. Decore's potential involvement as a consultant in the rental, planning, and disposal of federal lands would not be a breach of the Conflicts of Interest Act

Sessional Paper 725/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Proposal to Lease Isley and Gallahad Medical Facilities

Sessional Paper 726/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Alberta Securities Commission and Hotel de Health Inc. Settlement Agreement, dated February 27, 1996, with attached affidavits and enforcement orders regarding penalties for illegal distribution of securities

Sessional Paper 727/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated July 5, 1996, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding concerns raised by residents of the Westview Regional Health Authority regarding the proposal to purchase the Devon Hospital for private purposes

Sessional Paper 728/96

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the need to refocus our commitment to the global elimination of tuberculosis and announcing that March 24, 1996 is World TB (tuberculosis) Day.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the real human face of deficit cutting and the serious negative impact of such cuts on her constituents.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Vegreville-Viking, made a statement congratulating the Town of Vegreville for its hosting of the Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 18 to March 21, 1996:

Monday, March 18

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 12, Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act

Bill 13, Registries Statutes Amend-ment Act, 1996

Bill 14, Health Foundations Act

Bill 15, Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act

Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act

Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act

Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**

Designated Supply Subcommittees (Reporting)

Health; Environmental Protection; Education; and Family and Social Services

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

- Tuesday, March 19 (4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole
 As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Royal Assent**
 Bill 10, Appropriation
 (Supplementary Supply) Act,
 1996
 Bill 11, Appropriation (Interim
 Supply) Act, 1996
Committee of Supply
Designated Supply Sub-
committee
 Economic Development and
 Tourism
Subcommittees (Reporting)
 Public Works, Supply and
 Services; and Federal and
 Intergovernmental Affairs
- Wednesday, March 20 Eve. - **Committee of Supply**
Subcommittees (Reporting)
 Provincial Treasurer; and
 Agriculture, Food and Rural
 Development
- Thursday, March 21 Aft. - **Committee of Supply**
 Main Estimates, Day 20
 Labour and Justice
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 As per Order Paper

Speaker's Statement — 90th Anniversary of Alberta Legislative Assembly

The Speaker advised the Assembly that today, March 14, 1996, marks the 90th anniversary of the work of the Alberta Legislative Assembly and asked Hon. Members to reflect on the progress experienced by the Province over those years.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Days 16 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Community Development; Energy; and Justice and Attorney General, reports progress thereon and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Energy; and copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General:

Energy, Responses to Questions from Committee of Supply, asked
March 6, 1996

Sessional Paper 729/96

Department of Justice, Replies to Committee of Supply Questions of
March 5, 1996

Sessional Paper 730/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, March 18, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 2,092 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

- of the Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996;
- of Andrew Tiel and Neil Josephson for the Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act;
- of James Roberts for the Evangel Bible College Act;
- of Jeff Harmon for the Bethesda Bible College Act;
- of Unifarm for the Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996;

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,733 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 2,719 residents of Calgary regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 1,876 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 3,561 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 1,604 Calgary and area residents regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 2,562 Calgary and area residents regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 1,314 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 2,179 Albertans regarding the maintenance of a high quality, post-secondary education system.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Chairman Don Sprague, the athletes and volunteers, and everyone associated with the World Figure Skating Championships that officially begin tomorrow in Edmonton.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the Jasper Place Composite High School Rebels as Provincial Basketball champions.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Canadian rink, skipped by Heather Godberson, on winning the Karcher World Junior Women's Curling Championship in Red Deer on Saturday, March 16, 1996.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement welcoming the world to Edmonton and the World Figure Skating Championships, beginning March 19, 1996.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, commented on the statement.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Magazine article, dated February 17-23, 1996, entitled "Hawking, the Big Questions," with section highlighted regarding the negative impact of lotteries
Sessional Paper 731/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated March 13, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, regarding Hansard
coverage of the four Subcommittees of Supply
Sessional Paper 732/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Bilingual press release, dated March 18, 1996, from the Faculté Saint-Jean,
University of Alberta, announcing National Canadian Francophone Week,
beginning today, March 18, 1996
Sessional Paper 733/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, filed the following:

Proposal to Lease Isley and Gallahad Medical Facilities
Sessional Paper 734/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, filed the following:

Letter, dated September 8, 1995, from Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort
McMurray, to Hon. Mr. West, Minister responsible for Gaming and Lotteries,
regarding the provision of video lottery terminals (VLTs) to businesses that
want them
Sessional Paper 735/96

Letter, dated February 20, 1996, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for Gaming and Lotteries, regarding the removal of a video lottery terminal (VLT) from a Lethbridge business

Sessional Paper 736/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Canadian rink, skipped by Heather Godberson, on winning the Karcher World Junior Women's Curling Championship in Red Deer on Saturday, March 16, 1996.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Chairman Don Sprague, the athletes and volunteers, and everyone associated with the World Figure Skating Championships that officially begin tomorrow in Edmonton.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the Jasper Place Composite High School Rebels as Provincial Basketball champions.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1996

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 12 Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:26 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

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Committee of Supply (Days 17 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), of the Departments of Health; Environmental Protection; Education; and Family and Social Services, 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to support the continued provision of an affordable, high quality post-secondary education system.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to support the continued provision of an affordable, high quality post-secondary education system.

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to support the continued provision of an affordable, high quality post-secondary education system.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions I presented yesterday and can advise the House that all but 1 of the petitions complies with Standing Orders 85 and 89.

The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has considered the remaining petition and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Orders 89(1)(b) and 89(2) be waived for the petition for the Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996.

I would ask for the Assembly's concurrence in the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period today.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 20, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motion for Returns: M178.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter, undated, from Enid E. Green, Edmonton, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding reductions in the Alberta Seniors Benefit

Sessional Paper 737/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, undated, from Marsha Carnat, Calgary, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding hospital cutbacks, with related newspaper articles attached

Sessional Paper 738/96

669 postcards addressed to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, and 656 postcards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the five principles of Canada's Medicare system

Sessional Paper 739/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 19, 1996, from Dennis Magnusson, Chief Executive Officer, East Central Regional Health Authority, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the Hotel de Health and the lease/use of the Islay and Galahad health centres

Sessional Paper 740/96

Letter, dated March 19, 1996, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Dingwall, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the Hotel de Health proposal for the Islay and Galahad health centres

Sessional Paper 741/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, filed the following:

CBRS (Canadian Bond Rating Service) Credit News, dated March 18, 1996, regarding the upgrading of the long term ratings of the Province of Alberta to AA+ from AA

Sessional Paper 742/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, filed the following:

Draft recommendations regarding Alberta's Forest Management Agreements,
November 27, 1995

Sessional Paper 743/96

Members' Statements

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding a legal profession injunction against public adjusters dealings with uninsured third parties and suggesting changes to the Insurance Act or Law Society Act to solve the conflict.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Three Hills-Airdrie, made a statement regarding Airdrie schools' home lottery.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the impact of cutbacks on seniors in general and on Enid Green of Edmonton in particular.

Privilege

Oral notice having been given earlier today, March 19, 1996, and pursuant to Standing Order 15(1) and (2), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, raised a purported point of privilege regarding a letter received by Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding statements by the Leader of the Opposition and the possibility of court action.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, and Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the purported point of privilege.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

Speaker's Statement — Point of Order, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray

Yesterday, March 18, 1996, the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray raised a point of order under Standing Order 23(h), (i) and (j) concerning comments made by both the Hon. Premier and the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities in response to a question by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford concerning video lottery terminals. The Member complains about the characterization of the letters by the Minister and the Premier and insists that he was representing the interests of his constituents.

As Members are aware, this is the Chair's second ruling on the matter. On February 26, the Chair ruled that the Minister's characterization of the letter he received from the Member was not a point of order but rather a dispute about facts. At that time the Member clarified his position that the letter represented the views of his constituents and not his own views. The Member has again made that point quite clear.

The Hon. Member also questions the propriety of the Minister referring to the letter in the Assembly. On this point, the Chair refers Members to paragraph 495(7) of *Beauchesne*, which states that:

When a letter, even though it may have been written originally as a private letter, becomes part of a record of a department, it becomes a public document, and if quoted by a Minister in debate, must be tabled on request.

A similar issue arose in the House of Commons last year when a Minister quoted from a letter sent by a Member on behalf of his constituents. The Speaker held there was no question of privilege and relied upon the same paragraph of *Beauchesne*. Members may wish to refer to the House of Commons Hansard for February 16, 1995 at pages 9734-5.

Although there is no point of order, the Chair wishes to remind all Members that one of the ways a Member can best serve his or her constituents is by writing letters to Ministers on their behalf. Of course, in certain situations, there may be statutory restrictions on releasing the information but it is not the role of the Chair to comment on that issue. As a consequence, the Chair would ask all Members to consider what the impact may be upon a Member's ability to serve his or her constituents before referring to correspondence from another Member in the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 207 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Bruseker.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Abdurahman	Henry	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Soetaert
Carlson	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dalla-Longa	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Hanson	Percy	

Against the motion: 41

Ady	Fritz	Paszkowski
Beniuk	Gordon	Pham
Black	Haley	Renner
Brassard	Havelock	Rostad
Burgener	Herard	Severtson
Calahasen	Hierath	Shariff
Cardinal	Hlady	Smith
Clegg	Jacques	Stelmach
Coutts	Kowalski	Tannas
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Dinning	Magnus	Thurber
Doerksen	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fischer	McFarland	Yankowsky
Forsyth	Oberg	

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that effective government must meet the tests of integrity, fiscal responsibility and community building based on shared values in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

505. Moved by Mr. Henry:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure equal access to quality education for Alberta children by providing for: disabled children; special needs children; early childhood services; English as a second language for each child whose mother tongue is not English, regardless of the student's place of birth; a wide variety of core and optional subjects; the incremental elimination of all user and transportation fees; and access to computers for all students.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Soetaert speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:23 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 10 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
- 11 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1996

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

According to order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittee), 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, 1997, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Economic Development and Tourism

\$66,275,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>315,000</u>	Capital Investment
66,590,000	

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Subcommittees of Committee of Supply) of the Departments of Public Works, Supply and Services; and Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, reports progress thereon and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Fischer, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Responses to Questions Raised on March 11, 1996, Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, 1996-97 Committee of Supply Debate, Subcommittee C, March 19, 1996

Sessional Paper 744/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 2 Albertans requesting the enactment of legislation which would prohibit direct or indirect provincial financing of private businesses.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented 168 letters regarding the Divorce Act's definition of the child of a marriage.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was concurred in by the Assembly yesterday, the following petitions now be deemed to be read and received:

of the Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996;

of Andrew Tiel and Neil Josephson for the Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act;

of James Roberts for the Evangel Bible College Act;

of Jeff Harmon for the Bethesda Bible College Act;

of Unifarm for the Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to ensure that seniors can live with dignity and independence by means of a strong health care system which includes necessary home care.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Thursday, March 21, 1996:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

New Practice Guidelines for Foot, Ankle X-rays, Alberta Clinical Practice Guidelines Program Advisory Committee, March 20, 1996

Sessional Paper 745/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Government of Alberta News release, dated March 20, 1996, entitled "Government Appoints 15 Member Board of Directors for Alberta Treasury Branches," with attached background information

Sessional Paper 746/96

Letter, dated March 12, 1996, from P. Michael Maher, Acting Chair, Alberta Treasury Branch Director Search Panel and Dean, Faculty of Management, University of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, regarding the recommendations of the Search Panel for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 747/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Faxed letter, dated March 20, 1996, from Robert C. Burgener, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Talbot v. Mitchell and Sapers, Q.B. #9603 06089

Sessional Paper 748/96

Statement of Claim, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Edmonton, Robert Talbot, Plaintiff, and Grant Mitchell and Howard Sapers, Defendants, March 19, 1996

Sessional Paper 749/96

Statement of Claim notification from Robert C. Burgener, Barrister and Solicitor, to Grant Mitchell and Howard Sapers, Defendants, on behalf of client Robert Talbot, Plaintiff, indicating the defendants are being sued

Sessional Paper 750/96

Edmonton Sun article, dated March 19, 1996, entitled "Grits to face lawsuit"

Sessional Paper 751/96

Edmonton Journal article, dated March 20, 1996, entitled "Liberals question links of Hotel de Health boss"

Sessional Paper 752/96

Letter, March 19, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, authorizing Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to raise a question of privilege on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 753/96

Letter, dated March 19, 1996, from Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, indicating Mr. Bruseker's intention to raise a purported point of privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15(2)

Sessional Paper 754/96

Letter, dated March 16, 1996, from Robert C. Burgener, Barrister and Solicitor, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding Robert Talbot's intention to pursue legal remedies in the event that Mr. Talbot considers any statements made by Mr. Mitchell or his party to be defamatory

Sessional Paper 755/96

Privilege

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would rule tomorrow, Thursday, March 21, 1996, on the purported point of privilege raised by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, filed the following:

Various News Observer articles, dated February 19, 21, 22, and 26, 1995, regarding the hog industry in Alberta, with related supporting survey and graphs

Sessional Paper 756/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q179, Q180, Q181, Q187, Q189.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

M178. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

Copies of all working documents, correspondence, and recommendations written by the Government's Interdepartmental Committee on Human Rights that pertain to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for the period January 1, 1991, through to December 31, 1993.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M182, M183, M184, M185, M186, M188, M190.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 757/96

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 758/96

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, filed the following:

Letter, undated, from David Hodgins, President, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, regarding Bill 208, Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 759/96

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:11 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), 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, 1997, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Treasury

\$32,417,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,856,000</u>	Capital Investment
34,273,000	

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$339,051,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,789,000</u>	Capital Investment
340,840,000	

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Responses to Questions Raised in Committee of Supply, March 7, 1996
Sessional Paper 760/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until Thursday, March 21, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bills, Monday, March 25, 1996:

Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act

Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act

Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act

Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given Wednesday, March 20, 1996:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. Q235 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on October 18, 1995:

What are the projections for the following revenue indicators, as the Government may have prepared, for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 fiscal years, underlying the budget plan on page 15 of the 1995 provincial budget from personal income taxes; corporate income taxes; non-renewable resource revenues; revenue payments by the Government of Canada; investment income; premiums, licenses and fees; other taxes and other revenues?

Sessional Paper 235A/96

Response to Motion for Returns No. M237 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on October 18, 1995:

A detailed list of loans, loan guarantees, indemnities, advances, or long-term investments authorized by the Government between April 1, 1992 and April 25, 1995, by Treasury Board minute or Provincial Treasurer's directive, specifying company name, date of authorization, and approving authority.

Sessional Paper 237A/96

Response to Written Question No. Q241 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on October 25, 1995:

What are the Government's projections for the following economic indicators which underlie the fiscal projections of the 1996-97 and 1997-98 fiscal years, as set out on page 15 of the 1995 provincial budget:

- (1) 90-day Alberta Treasury bill rates;
- (2) 10-year Alberta bond rates;

- (3) Canada-U.S. exchange rates;
- (4) Alberta unemployment rate;
- (5) Alberta natural gas sales;
- (6) Alberta natural gas reference price;
- (7) West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price;
- (8) Alberta real manufacturing exports;
- (9) Alberta retail sales;
- (10) Alberta housing starts;
- (11) Alberta real business investments;
- (12) Alberta corporate registrations;
- (13) Alberta average weekly earnings; and
- (14) Alberta realized net farm income?

Sessional Paper 241A/96

Response to Written Question No. Q242 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on October 25, 1995:

What are the projections for valuation adjustments and other provisions for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 fiscal years by general provision for accounts receivable, obligations under guarantee and indemnity, and other, as set out on page 52 of the 1995 provincial budget?

Sessional Paper 242A/96

Hon. Mr. Thurber, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Responses to Questions, Committee of Supply, February 29 and March 12, 1996

Sessional Paper 761/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Chart, total visits to emergency unit, Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, 1981-82 to 1993-94

Sessional Paper 762/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, announced that March 21, 1996, is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, filed the following:

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Memo, dated May 8, 1990, regarding Edmonton Journal newspaper carriers

Sessional Paper 763/96

Exhibit H referred to in the Affidavit of Gordon Ian McMullan, sworn before Barry W. McMullan, Barrister and Solicitor, regarding newspaper carriers

Sessional Paper 764/96

Exhibit G referred to in the Affidavit of Gordon Ian McMullan, sworn before Barry W. McMullan, Barrister and Solicitor, regarding newspaper carriers

Sessional Paper 766/96

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Memo, dated January 14, 1995, from D.V. Holmes, Assessment Management, to K.W. Coull, regarding taxi cab drivers and newspaper carriers

Sessional Paper 765/96

Schedule A, Exempted Industries, Worker's Compensation Alta. Reg. 427/81, Alberta Gazette, December 31, 1981

Sessional Paper 767/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, filed the following:

Pamphlet entitled, "Alberta Advantage"

Sessional Paper 768/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, filed the following:

Response to Written Question No. Q163, asked for by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding payout levels of video lottery terminals (VLTs) (previously tabled, March 11, 1996)

Sessional Paper 769/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding the benefits of communities hosting sports events in general and in particular Pincher Creek and Fort Macleod's recent hosting of two major provincial sports events, Provincial A Boys Basketball and Provincial Atom B Hockey respectively.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Alberta Registered Dietitians and their education program, and announcing that March is Nutrition Month.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Three Hills-Airdrie, made a statement regarding the deaths by act of terrorism of Harvey and Leah Uffelman of Beiseker and the bringing to justice in the United States of the Abu Nadel terrorist responsible.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 25 to March 28, 1996:

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| Monday, March 25 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, Agent-General Act Repeal Act Bill 2, Alberta Economic Development Authority Act Bill 3, Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act Bill 4, Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act Second Reading Bill 15, Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 16, Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act Bill 17, Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee of Supply Lottery Fund Estimates Revert to Introduction of Bills Bill 22, Appropriation Act, 1996 |

- Tuesday, March 26 (4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 15, Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996
 Bill 16, Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act
 Bill 17, Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996
 Bill 18, Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
 Bill 20, Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996
 Bill 21, Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
 Bill 25, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 As per Order Paper, including:
 Bill 22, Appropriation Act, 1996
- Wednesday, March 27 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
 As per Order Paper, including:
 Bill 22, Appropriation Act, 1996
- Thursday, March 28 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole
 As per Order Paper
Third Reading
 Bill 22, Appropriation Act, 1996

Privilege

Speaker's Ruling — Question of Privilege Raised by Hon. Member for Calgary-North West Concerning Threatening a Member

On Tuesday, March 19, 1996 the Hon. Opposition House Leader raised a question of privilege on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition. The basis for the question of privilege is a letter dated March 16, 1996 from a Mr. Robert Burgener, a lawyer in the City of Edmonton, on behalf of his client, a Mr. Robert Talbot, to the Leader of the Opposition.

As a preliminary matter, the Chair finds that the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity and that sufficient notice was provided.

The March 16, 1996 letter from Mr. Burgener states in the first sentence that his client has been informed by a local media outlet that Mr. Mitchell intends to "raise issues in the Legislature concerning him personally." The letter then states "I am instructed to inform you that Mr. Talbot shall pursue his legal remedies in the event that he considers any statements made by yourself or your party to be defamatory."

The second paragraph of the letter states:

"Mr. Talbot believes you may feel unaccountable for any statements that you make in the Legislature. Mr. Talbot requests that I make it absolutely clear that he will pursue his legal remedies in the event that you make any misleading or derogatory statements which may impugn his character or reputation."

It seems that Mr. Burgener is only concerned with comments that may be made in the Assembly. There may be some ambiguity over what is meant when he says that his client will "pursue his legal remedies" but this is fairly well known legal language which includes the possibility of initiating a court action.

The basis of the question of privilege brought by the Hon. Opposition House Leader, as reported at page 662 of Hansard is that the letter is "a clear threat to the Member for Edmonton-McClung."

The Chair notes the references by the Opposition House Leader and the Member for Calgary-Buffalo. The classic statement on contempts is found in Erskine May (21st. edition) at 115 where it is stated:

"Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such house in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt."

Griffith and Ryle, in their book *Parliament: Functions, Practice and Procedures* state the following at page 92, after citing the above-noted quotation from Erskine May:

"Such obstruction or impedance is essentially restricting freedom of speech in the House (for example by intimidation of those who might speak) or freedom of its proceedings."

The prohibition against threatening Members is clearly a contempt or a breach of privilege in Alberta. Section 10(2)(b) of the *Legislative Assembly Act* lists as one of the acts that constitutes a contempt or a breach of privilege:

"(b) obstructing, threatening or attempting to force or intimidate a Member in any matter relating to his office."

The issue becomes then whether the letter from Mr. Burgener to the Leader of the Opposition was a threat. In this regard, the Chair has some hesitation. The letter from Mr. Burgener could be classified as putting Mr. Mitchell on notice but of course, the question is, on notice for what? Under the protection of freedom of speech, statements made in the House cannot be questioned in any court. Not only has that been part of Parliament's privileges at least since the English Bill of Rights in 1689, but it is codified in section 13 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*. To take a proceeding against a Member for what is said in the House is a breach of privilege or contempt of the House as demonstrated by section 10 (1)(k) of that Act.

The Chair would note that the Statement of Claim that has been filed in this matter does not directly refer to comments made in the House, nor could it. The Chair tabled a letter from Mr. Burgener in the House yesterday that indicates that it was not his or his client's intention to stifle free debate in the Legislature. If, however, that was the intention, then the March 16, 1996 letter could have referred to comments that might have been made outside the House. There was no such reference.

The Chair has been concerned for some time that while freedom of speech is perhaps the most cherished of parliamentary privileges, there must be a correlative duty for Members to act responsibly in exercising that privilege.

As the Opposition House Leader indicated on March 19, 1996, Erskine May states at page 126 that threatening a Member with trial at some future time for a question asked in the House has been held to be a contempt of the House of Commons in the United Kingdom.

Reference was made to a Speaker's ruling in Saskatchewan on April 26, 1984 where there was held to be a prima facie question of privilege. In that case, a lawyer had written a letter to a Member and issued a statement of claim which referred explicitly to comments made in the Assembly. In that case the Member claimed that the letter and the statement of claim were threatening to the Member and served to obstruct him in the carrying out of his duties.

It should be added that the Chair has been unable to locate any previous Speaker's ruling in Alberta on this matter.

The Chair finds that there is technically a prima facie question of privilege.

The Chair would add the Assembly may wish to consider the subsequent documentation by Mr. Burgener and that it appears there is no allegation in the statement of claim about remarks in the House. The Chair would also note that the Saskatchewan matter was essentially cleared up when the lawyer sent a letter which was considered an apology for his offending letter.

The Chair would like to make two other points. This ruling does not affect the action that has been launched against certain Members as it is the Chair's understanding that the action relates to comments made outside the House. As Joseph Maingot states in his book *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* at page 96:

"While it is clear that the member is afforded absolute privilege in law for acts done and words said during a parliamentary proceeding, he speaks outside the House at his peril without the protection of parliamentary privilege."

The Chair would refer Members to a ruling in the House of Commons on June 10, 1993 where it was said at page 20694 of Hansard that:

"What a member says outside the House about anyone is subject to the laws of the land relating to libel and slander as it would be for any other Canadian - if indeed the comments are actionable."

Finally, the Chair wants to stress to all Members that the protections that have been developed over the centuries to ensure freedom of speech in legislatures are really a gift from the electorate to ensure that Members can effectively represent their interests. Members must be aware that the extraordinary privilege that we have in this Assembly carries a duty to act responsibly. Any misuse of the privilege of free speech may cause people to question its necessity which would be a sad day for all legislators and the people of the Province.

Following the Speaker's ruling, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 15(6).

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1996

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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, 1997, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$1,033,213,000	Operating Expenditure
1,025,000	Capital Investment
<u>60,458,000</u>	Non-Budgetary Disbursements
1,094,696,000	

Community Development

\$200,003,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>50,000</u>	Capital Investment
200,053,000	

Education

\$1,520,134,000	Operating Expenditure
996,000	Capital Investment
<u>119,868,000</u>	
1,640,998,000	

Energy

\$71,538,000	Operating Expense
<u>11,079,000</u>	Capital Investment
82,617,000	

Environmental Protection

\$286,840,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>9,824,000</u>	Capital Investment
296,664,000	

Executive Council

\$21,860,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>180,000</u>	Capital Investment
22,040,000	

Family and Social Services

\$1,363,925,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>275,000</u>	Capital Investment
1,364,200,000	

Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

\$5,084,000	Operating Expenditure
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Health

\$3,693,930,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>335,000</u>	Capital Investment
3,694,265,000	

Justice and Attorney General

\$333,211,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>280,000</u>	Capital Investment
333,491,000	

Labour

\$31,455,000	Operating Expense
<u>436,000</u>	Capital Investment
31, 891,000	

Municipal Affairs

\$304,562,000	Operating Expenditure
5,099,000	Capital Investment
<u>67,000,000</u>	Non-budgetary Disbursements
376,661,000	

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Public Works, Supply and Services

\$437,235,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>45,135,000</u>	Capital Investment
482,370,000	

Science and Research

\$20,925,000	Operating Expenditure
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Transportation and Utilities

\$615,822,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>127,812,000</u>	Capital Investment
743,634,000	

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain other resolutions, 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, 1997, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$20,974,401	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expenditure
9,834,280	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expenditure
608,581	Office of the Auditor General Capital Investment
1,046,100	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expenditure
9,539,420	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expenditure
161,576	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expenditure
<u>758,417</u>	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expenditure
42,922,775	

Mr. Speaker I wish to file a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply for the official records of the Assembly.

Sessional Paper 770/96

Mr. Speaker, I also would like to table copies of documents tabled by Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and by Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Departments of Justice and Attorney General; and Labour:

Responses to Questions Raised during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, March 14, 1996

Sessional Paper 771/96

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Occupational Health and Safety Business Plan 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 100/96

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, March 25, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 21 Albertans regarding funding for Early Childhood Services.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, be added to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given Thursday, March 21, 1996:

Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Brassard

Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act — Mr. Decore

Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Burgener, Chairman, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-13.2 s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 86/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, filed the following:

Alberta Family and Social Services memo, dated March 8, 1996, from Casework Supervisor's Sub-Committee, Edmonton Region, to Casework and Program Supervisors, Edmonton Region, regarding regional management, with an attached memo, dated March 15, 1996, from Casework and Program Supervisors, Edmonton Region, to Chairperson, Edmonton Region Casework Supervisor's Committee, regarding a crisis in child welfare

Sessional Paper 772/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, filed the following:

Letter, dated September 7, 1994, from Gary Boddaz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Lotteries and Gaming, to Sandy Vigrass, Glenmeadows Home and School Association, regarding Community Facility Enhancement Program II (CFEP II) and the Glenmeadows computer lab

Sessional Paper 773/96

Letter, dated December 9, 1994, from Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for Lotteries, Gaming and Racing, to Sandy Vigrass, Glenmeadows Home and School Association, regarding reconsideration of funding for Community Facility Enhancement Program II (CFEP II)

Sessional Paper 774/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Motions Under Standing Order 15(6)**

1. Moved by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader (oral notice having been given Thursday, March 21, 1995):

Be it resolved that the March 21, 1996 finding by the Speaker of a prima facie question of privilege, as raised by the Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, and that adequate financial and human resources be provided to that Committee so that the Committee can call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, require the administration of oath thereto, and further that the Committee determine such further rules and procedures to ensure "the safeguards and privileges which every man enjoys in any court of the land" and further that the Committee shall meet within 30 days of the passing of this motion.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Day, Hon. Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after

Be it resolved that

and inserting the following:

this Assembly recognizes that a prima facie case of privilege was found to exist by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in his ruling on Thursday, March 21, 1996, and as such this Assembly orders that, unless Mr. Robert Burgener, on behalf of his client Mr. Robert Talbot, apologizes to the Legislative Assembly by way of a letter to Mr. Speaker within 5 sitting days of the passing of this motion, the matter be expeditiously referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, and that adequate financial and human resources be provided to that Committee so that the Committee can call witnesses, cross examine witnesses, require the administration of oath thereto, and further that the Committee determine such further rules and procedures to ensure "the safeguards and privileges which every man enjoys in any court of the land".

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the motion was agreed to.

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 38(1) allowing Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to move the following motion (oral notice having been given earlier today, Monday, March 25, 1996):

Be it resolved that Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, be added to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, moved the Bill be amended in section 2 by adding the following after subsection (6):

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (5), if an appointment under subsections (2), (3), and (4) is not confirmed by the Legislative Assembly within 180 days after the next ensuing sitting of the Legislative Assembly, then the position shall be deemed to be vacant.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 16

Abdurahman	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Massey	Wickman
Collingwood	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Germain		

Against the amendment: 39

Amery	Friedel	Oberg
Black	Fritz	Paszkowski
Brassard	Gordon	Renner
Burgener	Haley	Rostad
Calahasen	Herard	Severtson
Clegg	Hierath	Shariff
Coutts	Hlady	Stelmach
Day	Jacques	Taylor
Doerksen	Jonson	Thurber
Dunford	Langevin	Trynchy
Evans	Mar	West
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McFarland	Yankowsky

Debate continued.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, moved the Bill be amended in section 7(1) by adding:

having first been recommended by the Legislative Assembly

after:

Lieutenant Governor in Council

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Abdurahman	Germain	Sekulic
Bracko	Hewes	Van Binsbergen
Bruseker	Massey	Wickman
Chadi	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Collingwood	Sapers	

Against the amendment: 37

Amery	Haley	Paszkowski
Black	Herard	Renner
Brassard	Hierath	Rostad
Burgener	Hlady	Severtson
Calahasen	Jacques	Stelmach
Coutts	Jonson	Tannas
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Dunford	Lund	Thurber
Fischer	Mar	Trynchy
Forsyth	McClellan	West
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Yankowsky
Gordon		

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 1 Agent-General Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act — Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 4 Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 775/96

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 776/96

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 777/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 778/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 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, 1997, for the purposes indicated:

Agricultural Initiatives

\$22,530,000

Cultural Initiatives

\$23,079,000

Recreation Initiatives

\$16,244,000

Community Facility Enhancement Program

\$35,000,000

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$16,697,000

Science and Environmental Initiatives

\$750,000

New Initiatives

\$9,000,000

Total Lottery Fund Payments**\$123,300,000**

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move that Written Questions and Motions for Returns appearing in tomorrow's Order Paper stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 19 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated March 25, 1996, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding a response to a question on Interleukin-2 raised in the Assembly on March 21, 1996, with attached background information on the funding of Interleukin-2 for the treatment of cancer

Sessional Paper 779/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Pamphlet announcing a Forum on Children's Issues, Edmonton Room, Edmonton Public Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Saturday, March 30, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sessional Paper 780/96

Members' Statements

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding worker safety, the need for fines for safety violations, and the need for public posting of safety violations.

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, made a statement thanking and congratulating the Alberta Dental Association for its sponsorship of the 4th annual Open Wide Campaign, involving 2,000 dental professionals donating their services free to those who need it most, with special mention being made of the participation of the Salvation Army, McDonald's, and many dental suppliers.

Mr. Beniuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the value of knowledge of other languages in an increasingly multicultural and multilingual business world.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 781/96

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 782/96

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 783/96

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 784/96

At 3:29 p.m., unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to move on to the next item of business.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Henry:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure equal access to quality education for Alberta children by providing for: disabled children; special needs children; early childhood services; English as a second language for each child whose mother tongue is not English, regardless of the student's place of birth; a wide variety of core and optional subjects; the incremental elimination of all user and transportation fees; and access to computers for all students.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

506. Moved by Ms Hanson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that when children begin to commit crime, it is often a reflection of a number of factors, including poor supervision and weak parenting skills, and therefore establish a series of mandatory early intervention programs to help parents manage their children.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Bracko speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:27 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second reading, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Ady	Fischer	Nicol
Amery	Friedel	Oberg
Brassard	Fritz	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Pham
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Chadi	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Day	Kowalski	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Thurber
Dunford	McClellan	Woloshyn
Evans	McFarland	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 7

Carlson	Sapers	Van Binsbergen
Dickson	Sekulic	Vasseur
Leibovici		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner
 Bill 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
 Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:58 p.m. until Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Beniuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents regarding an amendment to the Medical Professions Act to accommodate non-traditional medical practices.

Mr. Beniuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents regarding an amendment to the Medical Professions Act to accommodate non-traditional medical practices.

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, presented a petition from 2,465 Albertans regarding an amendment to the Medical Professions Act to accommodate non-traditional medical practices.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader:

Fact sheet, dated March 25, 1996, regarding the process for debate of the 1996 Committee of Supply Main Estimates

Sessional Paper 785/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister responsible for Professions and Occupations Bureau, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s6(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 96/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 78/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated March 26, 1996, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding issues raised by Mrs. Soetaert in the Legislature, March 12, 1996, regarding the Westview Regional Health Authority (RHA)

Sessional Paper 786/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated March 27, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Right Hon. Mr. Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding the implications the North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA) will have on health care, education and social services

Sessional Paper 787/96

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated March 26, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Sprague, Chair, 1996 World Figure Skating Championships, congratulating the organizing committee, corporate sponsors, and the more than 1,200 volunteers who made the 1996 World Figure Skating Championships a resounding success

Sessional Paper 788/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q179, Q180, Q181, Q187, Q189.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M182, M183, M184, M185, M186, M188, M190, 191.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 210 Citizen's Initiative Act — Dr. L. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:
 Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:06 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 —
 Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, moved that the Bill be amended in Section 2 by striking out subsection (2) and in subsection (3) in proposed section 37.1 of the Cemeteries Act by adding

at the option of the buyer

after

is void and severable from the contract.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Abdurahman	Germain	Wickman
Bracko	Kirkland	Zariwny
Collingwood	Massey	Zwozdesky
Decore	Sekulic	

Against the amendment: 32

Ady	Gordon	Mirosh
Amery	Haley	Oberg
Black	Havelock	Renner
Brassard	Herard	Rostad
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Coutts	Jacques	Shariff
Doerksen	Jonson	Stelmach
Dunford	Kowalski	Tannas
Forsyth	Langevin	Thurber
Friedel	Mar	Yankowsky
Fritz	McFarland	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 —
Mr. Severtson

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 789/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 790/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Minister of Energy on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 791/96

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 792/96

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 793/96

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 794/96

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 795/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Thursday, March 28, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Laing

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

Bill 23 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Newspaper advertisement entitled, "Only three days left to save Medicare," sponsored by the Alberta Health Care Union Caucus

Sessional Paper 796/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated March 20, 1996, from 25 Edmonton and area residents, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding concerns over the introduction of a two-tiered health system and the upholding of the five principles of the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 797/96

Series of newspaper articles, variously dated, regarding Regional Health Authorities (RHA), Hotel de Health and private health care

Sessional Paper 798/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Motion 1 under Standing Order 15(6) passed by the Assembly March 25, 1996:

Letter, dated March 28, 1996, from Robert C. Burgener, Barrister and Solicitor, on behalf of Robert Talbot, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, offering an apology to the Legislative Assembly if any impression of intimidation was left by Mr. Burgener's letter of March 15, 1996, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 799/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing Ron Sakamoto of Lethbridge and his company Gold and Gold Productions upon receiving the Juno Award for Canadian Promoter of the Year.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the provincial, national and international achievements of the 57 junior high school students belonging to the Elmer Gish Wind Ensemble.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the suicide of Kyle Steffanson, a 15 year old high school student and gold medal winner in skiing from the Alberta Winter Games.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 1 to April 4, 1996:

Monday, April 1	Aft. - Royal Assent Bill 22, Appropriation Act, 1996 Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 5, Racing Corporation Act Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act Bill 7, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 Bill 8, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 Bill 9, Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 2	(4:30 p.m.) - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading As per Order Paper Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1996

Wednesday, April 3	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, April 4	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

The Government House Leader also advised the Assembly that Government Motions 14, 15 and 16 would be dealt with during the course of the week.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to allow Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, to close debate on Second reading of Bill 21 on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 17 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 5:15 p.m. the Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, April 1, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 29 Calgary residents regarding the maintenance of the Bow/Crow Forest Headquarters in Calgary.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from parents of students attending Dan Knott School, Edmonton, regarding the establishment of a provincial child abuse registry.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from parents of students attending J.H. Picard School, Edmonton, regarding the establishment of a child abuse registry.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Economics of Single Desk Selling of Western Canadian Grain, Colin Carter and R.M.A. Loyns, March 1996

Sessional Paper 800/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Government of Saskatchewan news release, dated March 25, 1996, entitled "Saskatchewan announces changes to student loan financing"

Sessional Paper 801/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Labour Relations Code, cL-1.2, s18(1):

Alberta Labour Relations Board, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 104/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter, dated April 1, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Ooks offering congratulations for winning an unprecedented seventh national hockey title at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association championships

Sessional Paper 802/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated March 28, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, regarding information to support a document (Sessional Paper 795/96) tabled March 27, 1996 by Hon. Mr. Day

Sessional Paper 803/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Royal Assent**

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed a certain Bill to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bill that had been passed as follows:

22 Appropriation Act, 1996

To this Bill, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Bill.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor delivered the following speech on the occasion of his pending retirement:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, Mr. Leader of the Opposition, I seize this opportunity to just say a few words of congratulations to you on the manner in which you are conducting yourself in the business of this Legislature. It has been my pleasure and privilege for the last five years to work with you and for you and with you for all the people that live in our province. This is important, ladies and gentlemen. Sometimes when I'm speaking to the younger people, I impress upon them the importance of our system of government, and what the election of each representative of the people means to the system, because of the fact that I think that perhaps we as Canadians have a tendency to take things for granted. We think, well, this is the way it has always been, and it's the way it always will be. Members of this Legislature, there's nothing further from the truth. If we do not protect the system, then the system will degenerate into something that is not in the best interests of the people.

So it is that I congratulate each and every one of you for the part that you have taken in making this system work because as you look at history for the time that we've known ancient and modern history, there never has been a system of government that has stood the people in good stead as has ours for the last 400 years. Never has there been a history of government that has withstood the pressures of time. With the bases that you now lay in this Legislature within the position that each and every one of you hold, within your nation, and within this world-scheme of things, you have now established a way and a means for people to live in the best advantage for themselves and those about them. The world is a better place because of that. All you have to do, as many of you have done, is go to some of these Commonwealth

conferences or meet with some of the people of the Third World, and they're striving, striving to bring their people to the status that you now hold and keep in place, and this is of fundamental importance, ladies and gentlemen, that this happens.

Also I do believe there is one area that I think that we all have had a responsibility and will continue to have a responsibility to try to achieve; that is, the ceremonial activity that's associated with our functions because it instills pride in the hearts and the minds of our people, especially our younger people, our students. So if we put these two things together – the system and the ceremonial activity associated with that system – then certainly each of you will have served your purpose in being here. There's a reason you were here. You will have served your people well. I could wish nothing else than for you to continue to do this, as I have been associated with you in these last five years. You've done a tremendous job.

It's been a privilege for my wife and I to be associated with you on the events that we have met you at and also whenever we met in the Legislature. I just appreciate your accomplishments, your achievements, what you have done for your people. I wish you God's blessing in the future.

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, offered congratulations to His Honour on the occasion of His retirement.

His Honour responded to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, with the following words:

Thank you very much, Mr. Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Premier, for those kind words. They're very rewarding, and I really appreciate them.

I leave you with just one thought. I had the privilege of speaking to the girls that were here on the Parliamentary procedure for three or four days last weekend, and we were discussing the division of power between our office and your office, your position here in the Legislature. I said to them, well, I am not allowed to go into the Legislature unless I'm invited, and then I can come in. That is solely the Members of the Legislature. One of them said, "Well, what would happen if you walked in?" I immediately had to go back and think quickly that any one of you, if I were to walk in through the door, have the right to stand up and say to Mr. Speaker, "I spy a stranger." I hope it never happens to you. I trust it never will, but then that is your right, and I leave that right with you.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 804/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 805/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 806/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 807/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 808/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Adjourned
Sessional Paper 809/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1996

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 810/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 811/96

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 812/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 813/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 814/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 815/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 816/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 817/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 818/96

Amendment Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Adjourned
Sessional Paper 819/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:57 p.m. until Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain the Bow/Crow Forest Headquarters in Calgary.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Wednesday, April 3, 1996:

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 3, 1996:

Written Questions: Q179, 180, Q181, Q187.

Motions for Returns: M183, M188.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

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

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Response to Written Question No. Q160 asked for by Ms Hanson on March 6, 1996:

Of the 72 percent of welfare clients who have gone through the Employment Alternatives Program and are now employed or in further training after the 3-month evaluation: what is the duration of employment for those classified as employed at the time of evaluation; what percentage of those employed are working full-time; how many are working part-time; what is the average wage of those classified as employed; and for those remaining in training, what kinds of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Sessional Paper 160/96

Response to Written Question No. Q161 asked for by Ms Hanson on March 6, 1996:

For those welfare clients who have gone through the Enhanced Employment Alternatives Program and are employed or in training after the 3-month evaluation: what is the duration of employment for those classified as employed at the time of evaluation; what percentage of those employed are working full-time; how many are working part-time; what is the average wage of those classified as employed; and for those remaining in training, what kinds of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Sessional Paper 161/96

Response to Written Question No. Q162 asked for by Ms Hanson on March 6, 1996:

What are the types of jobs and training and what is the average wage for those welfare clients in the 66 percent success rate for training on the job, and for those remaining in training, what type of training are they involved in and for what duration?

Sessional Paper 162/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Red Deer College, Annual Report 1993-94

Sessional Paper 820/96

Lethbridge Community College, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 821/96

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Letter, dated April 2, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to the Sexsmith Vipers, congratulating the Vipers on behalf of the constituents of Grande Prairie-Smoky on the winning the Alberta Provincial Junior "C" Championship held in St. Albert

Sessional Paper 822/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 82/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-5, s52(5):

Inspection of Animals under the Universities Act, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994

Sessional Paper 87/96

Inspection of Animals under the Universities Act, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 87A/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Listing of Voluntary and Private Nursing Homes, updated as of August 1995

Sessional Paper 823/96

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Letter, dated April 2, 1996, from Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, to Mr. Rae Cej, Chairman, Canadian Association of the World Petroleum Congress, regarding Calgary being chosen to host the World Petroleum Congress in the year 2000

Sessional Paper 824/96

World Petroleum Congresses, Canadian Association, news release, dated April 2, 1996, entitled "Canada Wins Bid for Prestigious World Petroleum Congress in Year 2000"

Sessional Paper 825/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter, dated March 27, 1996, from Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, on behalf of Alberta consumers, to Gordon Thiessen, Governor, Bank of Canada, regarding dissatisfaction with the ever-increasing charges and fees associated with personal banking transactions in light of record banking profits for 1995

Sessional Paper 826/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated November 27, 1995, from Chuck Conroy, Assistant Regional Director, Child Welfare, Edmonton Region, to Child Welfare Managers, regarding statistics on current child welfare caseloads and where the greatest increases have occurred

Sessional Paper 827/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Proposed Committee of the Whole amendments to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 828/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, filed the following:

Form 10-K/A1, Annual Report pursuant to section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995 for Solv-Ex Corporation, Commission File Number 0-9897

Sessional Paper 829/96

Solv-Ex Corporation disclosure under Securities Exchange Act, dated December 15, 1995 regarding proxy statement

Sessional Paper 830/96

Excerpts from Supplementary Information to the 1988-89 Public Accounts, indicating the departmental business of MacDonald Thompson

Sessional Paper 831/96

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Alberta Treasury Draft, Tax and Fiscal Policy, Options for Replacing the GST (Goods and Services Tax), October 3, 1994

Sessional Paper 832/96

Calgary Herald article, dated August 15, 1995, entitled "Alberta can opt out, Mitchell claims," regarding the replacement of the GST (Goods and Services Tax)

Sessional Paper 833/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding the medical ordeal of Lorraine Friesen from November 13, 1995 to January 18, 1996, at the University of Alberta, Grey Nuns and Devon Hospitals.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Child Welfare Services and the qualifications and training of child welfare workers.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the challenges facing the unemployed in general and in particular the prospect of impending unemployment facing workers at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 205 Limitations Act — Mr. Herard

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Ms Hanson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that when children begin to commit crime, it is often a reflection of a number of factors, including poor supervision and weak parenting skills, and therefore establish a series of mandatory early intervention programs to help parents manage their children.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

507. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish jointly with the Federal Government a one-stop-help office for seniors.

A debate followed.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by striking out

office

and substituting

process

and after

seniors

adding the following:

incorporating the following but not limited to: Single Point of Entry; Alberta Community Development Seniors Information Line and the Eldernet System for seniors, and other such information services.

Debate continued on amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned (on amendment).

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus
Bill 19 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 23 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Laing

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson
Bill 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mrs. Black
Bill 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Havelock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 12 Services to Persons with Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon.
Mr. Cardinal

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 834/96

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 835/96

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 836/96

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 837/96

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 838/96

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 839/96

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 840/96

Amendment to Bill 9 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 841/96

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Minister of Family and Social Services) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 842/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation supporting the establishment of a provincial child abuse registry paralleling that of Manitoba, and provincial support for a national child abuse registry.

Notices of Motions

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Three Hills-Airdrie, gave oral notice of her intention to introduce the following Bill, Thursday, April 4, 1996:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Thursday, April 4, 1996:

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Yankowsky

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Oral notice having been given April 2, 1996:

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

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

Bill 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Report Concerning the Credentials of Dr. M. Jane Fulton
Sessional Paper 843/96

Letter, dated April 3, 1996, from Timothy J. Christian, Q.C., Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, to Jim Dixon, Personnel Administration Office, regarding the academic credentials of Dr. Jane Fulton, with attached copy of Mr. Christian's report on the academic credentials of Dr. Jane Fulton
Sessional Paper 844/96

Statement by Premier Ralph Klein regarding credentials of Dr. Jane Fulton
Sessional Paper 845/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated April 3, 1996, from Campbell Miller, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the Capital Health Authority Community Rehabilitation Program and physical therapy contracts

Sessional Paper 846/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-7, s27:

Office of the Ombudsman, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 7/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, filed the following:

BK177 aircraft specifications with attached graph
Sessional Paper 847/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, filed the following:

Graph regarding numbers of business incorporations, business bankruptcies and consumer bankruptcies in Alberta

Sessional Paper 848/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q179. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

How many times did the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development Policy Committee meet, between the period December 2, 1994 and December 31, 1995, how many of those meetings were completely in camera, how many presentations were made to the Committee, and how many of these presentations were made in camera?

Q181. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What are the "meaningful activities" referred to on page 12 of the 1994-95 Annual Report of the Justice and Attorney General department and how many individuals are participating in each of these activities?

Q187. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the breakdown by location of library usage for circulation and reference as referred to on page 7 of the 1994-95 Annual Report of the Justice Department?

The following Written Question was rejected:

Q180. Mr. Dickson:

What is the average number of files or cases handled by each of the lawyers in the Civil Law Division during the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 and how is the use of each lawyer's time evaluated?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q189, Q192, Q193, Q194.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted:

M188. Moved by Dr. Percy:

A copy of the 1984 Memorandum of Intent between the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and Chem-Security Limited, as noted on page 22 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 1994-95.

The following Motion for Return was rejected:

M183. Moved by Dr. Percy:

A copy of the October 5, 1992 and October 7, 1992 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation as noted on page 28 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 1994-95.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 13

Abdurahman	Kirkland	Vasseur
Beniuk	Nicol	White
Bracko	Percy	Zariwny
Hanson	Sekulic	Zwozdesky
Hewes		

Against the motion: 45

Ady	Forsyth	Mirosh
Amery	Friedel	Oberg
Black	Gordon	Pham
Brassard	Haley	Renner
Burgener	Hierath	Rostad
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Jonson	Smith
Coutts	Kowalski	Stelmach
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Dinning	Lund	Thurber
Doerksen	Magnus	Trynchy
Dunford	Mar	West
Evans	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fischer	McFarland	Yankowsky

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M182, M184, M185, M186, M190, M191.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 210 Citizen's Initiative Act — Dr. L. Taylor

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to permit Dr. L. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, to close debate on Bill 210, Citizen's Initiative Act. Unanimous consent was not granted.

A debate followed.

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 29(c) allowing Dr. L. Taylor to speak beyond his allotted 20 minutes of debate.

Debate continued.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 4, 1996, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned to Monday, April 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 23rd Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date for the Fall Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 23rd Legislature, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that when the House rises on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in order to facilitate the installation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, it shall stand adjourned to Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at 3:00 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly, as required under section 26(3) of the Conflicts of Interest Act, deal with the reports of the Ethics Commissioner, dated November 10, 1995 and February 14, 1996, by receiving them.

A debate followed.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, raised a purported point of order under Standing Order 33(1) and (2), claiming that the direct pecuniary interest of some Members of Legislative Assembly should disallow those Members from voting on Government Motion No. 17.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, Ms. Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, and Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, responded to the purported point of order.

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order under Standing Order 33(1) and (2).

Debate continued.

Mr. Bruseker moved the motion be amended by adding the following after "by receiving them":

and by referring the Ethics Commissioner's report dated November 10, 1995 to a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Alberta to review the report to determine whether the report is accurate, complete, thorough and whether the evidence supports the conclusions reached by the Ethics Commissioner and to report the findings to the Legislative Assembly.

Debate continued (on amendment).

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Amery	Friedel	Renner
Beniuk	Hierath	Rostad
Brassard	Hlady	Severtson
Burgener	Jacques	Shariff
Calahasen	Jonson	Stelmach
Clegg	Kowalski	Tannas
Coutts	Langevin	Taylor
Day	Lund	Thurber
Dinning	Magnus	Trynchy
Doerksen	Mar	Woloshyn
Dunford	Mirosh	Yankowsky
Evans		

Against the motion: 13

Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Nicol	White
Dalla-Longa	Percy	Zwozdesky
Dickson		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:24 p.m. until Thursday, April 4, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

Bill 38 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Oral notice having been given April 3, 1996:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Yankowsky

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

Bill 35 Personnel Directives Act — Ms Haley

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 38 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M245 asked for by Dr. Percy on November 1, 1995:

Copies of any studies prepared by or on behalf of the Government between January 1, 1993, and May 1, 1995, pertaining to the retention or elimination of the 0.5% Alberta flat rate tax.

Sessional Paper 245A/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M247 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on November 1, 1995:

A breakdown of the \$730,000 in expenditures contained under Vote 3.8.1 Project Management, Department of Treasury, 1993-94 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, p. 136, providing a breakdown of expenditures on consulting services by name of consultant, fees paid, and the nature of the project engaged in these consultants.

Sessional Paper 247A/96

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 849/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions from Opposition Health Critic (Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) regarding Hotel de Health Inc., March 28, 1996

Sessional Paper 850/96

Alberta Health Information Bulletin, dated April 4, 1996, entitled "April 7 marks World Health Day"

Sessional Paper 851/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Alberta Resources Railway Corporation Act, cA-36, s25(2):

Alberta Resources Railway Corporation Financial Statements, December 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 147/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letters, dated April 3, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to John Bucyk, Joe Meli, Glen Sather, Tom Wilkinson, Helen Nicol, Tom Ponting and Sandy Shields offering congratulations on their upcoming induction into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Sessional Paper 852/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, filed the following:

Form 10-K, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, regarding Solv-Ex Corporation, Commission File No. 0-9837

Sessional Paper 853/96

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Solv-Ex Corporation and Subsidiaries, pp. 37-38 of 89

Sessional Paper 854/96

Proxy Statement pursuant to Section 14(A) of the Securities Exchange Act regarding Solv-Ex Corporation, December 15, 1995

Sessional Paper 855/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, filed the following:

List of provincial penalties for seat belt infractions

Sessional Paper 856/96

Members' Statements

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement congratulating the University of Calgary on the occasion of its 30th anniversary of becoming an autonomous institution.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the growth and effectiveness of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, made a statement regarding the connection between private sector investment and the creation of jobs.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 15 to April 18, 1996:

Monday, April 15	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 16	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 17	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, April 18	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, moved the Bill be amended by striking out section 7(2).

Debate continued (on amendment)

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Abdurahman	Collingwood	Percy
Bracko	Decore	Sapers
Bruseker	Henry	Sekulic
Carlson	Hewes	

Against the amendment: 35

Beniuk	Haley	Renner
Black	Hierath	Severtson
Burgener	Hlady	Shariff
Cardinal	Jacques	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Kowalski	Taylor
Dinning	Langevin	Thurber
Doerksen	Lund	Trynchy
Dunford	Mar	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Friedel	Oberg	Yankowsky
Gordon	Pham	

And after some further time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 13 (Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 857/96

Amendment to Bill 13 (Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) —
Defeated (on division)

Sessional Paper 858/96

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly, as required under section 26(3) of the Conflicts of Interest Act, deal with the reports of the Ethics Commissioner, dated November 10, 1995 and February 14, 1996, by receiving them.

Debate continued on an amendment, introduced by Mr. Bruseker on April 3, 1996, which read that the motion be amended by adding the following after "by receiving them":

and by referring the Ethics Commissioner's report dated November 10, 1995 to a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Alberta to review the report to determine whether the report is accurate, complete, thorough and whether the evidence supports the conclusions reached by the Ethics Commissioner and to report the findings to the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Black moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 14 passed by the Assembly April 3, 1996, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:23 p.m. until Monday, April 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15, 1996

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 859/96

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

Letter, dated April 12, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, to Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, offering a response to questions raised by Mr. Bruseker on March 28, 1996 regarding a school facility for the separate school board in the Town of High River
Sessional Paper 860/96

Comments on Questions, February 26 and 27, 1996 (Committee of Supply)
Sessional Paper 861/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Newspaper advertisement sponsored by the Dignity Foundation entitled, "There is a province in Canada where basic human rights are being ignored. This province is Alberta"
Sessional Paper 862/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated April 12, 1996, from Gerald McCaughey, President, Association of Professors Emeriti, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the "vetting" of academic qualifications in relation to Dr. Jane Fulton
Sessional Paper 863/96

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Political Party Annual Financial Statement for the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer under the Election Finances and Contributions and Disclosure Act
Sessional Paper 864/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development made a statement announcing that April 15 to 21, 1996 is National Soil Conservation Week.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, commented on the statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, on behalf of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the Bill be amended in section 2, subsection 2.1 (b) by striking out

No

and substituting

An

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Bracko	Henry	Van Binsbergen
Bruseker	Leibovici	Zariwny
Carlson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Germain	Percy	

Against the amendment: 31

Beniuk	Forsyth	Paszkowski
Brassard	Fritz	Pham
Burgener	Gordon	Renner
Calahasen	Herard	Rostad
Coutts	Hierath	Severtson
Day	Hlady	Shariff
Dinning	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Dunford	McFarland	Taylor
Evans	Oberg	Yankowsky
Fischer		

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner
- Bill 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 865/96

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 866/96

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 867/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, presented a petition from 3,112 Albertans supporting Bill 209, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 17, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: M182, M184, M185, M186.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan:

Message of congratulations from the constituents of Dunvegan to Gary Ewing, Principal of Spirit River School, for his participation in the Boston Marathon

Sessional Paper 868/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 25, 1996, from Mrs. Fritz, Chairman, Alberta Multiculturalism Commission, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Mary Neczyk, Ukrainian Another Language, regarding changes at the Alberta Multiculturalism Commission

Sessional Paper 869/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the importance of keeping handicapped parking stalls free for the use of the handicapped only.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the growing need for seniors lodges and the issue of property taxes as they effect the development of private lodges.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the success of Families and Schools Together (FAST), a Family and Social Services early intervention program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish jointly with the Federal Government a one-stop-help office for seniors.

Debate continued on amendment introduced April 2, 1996, by Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, which read that the motion be amended by striking out

office

and substituting

process

and after

seniors

adding the following:

incorporating the following but not limited to: Single Point of Entry; Alberta Community Development Seniors Information Line and the Eldernet System for seniors, and other such information services.

Debate continued on amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. The question being put on the motion as amended, the motion was agreed to.

508. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Agricultural Operation Review Board to arbitrate disagreements that may arise regarding generally accepted agricultural practices as they pertain to the Agricultural Operation Practices Act.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski speaking.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1996

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act,
1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act,
1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Mrs. Fritz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

Ms Hanson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to by the Assembly on April 3, 1996, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:55 p.m. until Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Excerpt from a Reform Party of Canada publication entitled, "56 Reasons Why You Should Support Reform," with reason 53 highlighted regarding the party's opposition to the federal funding of multicultural programs
Sessional Paper 870/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour:

Appeals Commission, Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), A. Sims' Recommendations, Progress Update, prepared April 15, 1996
Sessional Paper 871/96

Following Oral Question Period, during a point of order, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 25, 1996, from Mrs. Fritz, Chairman, Alberta Multiculturalism Commission, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Mary Necyk, Ukrainian Another Language, regarding changes at the Alberta Multiculturalism Commission
Sessional Paper 872/96

Speaker's Ruling — Publication and Editing of Hansard

Yesterday, April 16, 1996, the Opposition House Leader raised a point of order under Standing Orders 107 and 108 regarding the publication and editing of Hansard. Essentially, his point of order is that Hansard does not represent what was said during the previous day's Oral Question Period. The Hon. Member did not indicate where he felt the discrepancy occurred, but the Chair assumes that the Member is referring to a point of order raised by the Hon. Member for St. Albert on April 15, when he alleged that the Hon. Member for Little Bow shouted an unparliamentary phrase across the aisle. The offending statement was not heard by the Chair, although according to the Opposition House Leader, it was picked up on

the television broadcast recording of Question Period. On the point of order raised by the Hon. Member for St. Albert, the Chair ruled that there was no point of order based on Beauchene's paragraph 486(4). It should be noted that any remark made by the Member for Little Bow was made after the Member had asked his question. The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development had the floor when the comments were allegedly made.

The Chair would like to make clear some of the time-honoured policies that are used in producing Hansard. Members should be aware that interjections are out of order. Accordingly, they are not reported in Hansard unless they elicit a response by the person who has been recognized by the Chair. To the Chair's knowledge, these are the guidelines used in every other legislature in Canada. In this instance, there was no response to the interjection by the Hon. Minister who had the floor. Accordingly, the Chair finds that the final printing of the Hansard report is accurate and in accordance with the guidelines.

Hon. Members will recognize that there are interjections made every day which are not reported in Hansard. It is difficult for the Chair to know the nature of the comments made because, as was the case Monday, the Chair does not hear all the interjections.

Upon reviewing the tape of the event, it seems clear that the offending phrase was spoken, although the Hon. Member for Little Bow no longer had the floor. Certain microphones picked up the statement. There is no doubt the phrase is unparliamentary. Accordingly, it would be appropriate if the Hon. Member from Little Bow apologized for his comments.

This incident should serve as a reminder to all Members about making interjections during debate. The Chair has cautioned Members numerous times about the level of noise and interjections in the House.

Following the Speaker's ruling Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little-Bow, apologized for his comments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand and retain their places:

Q189, Q192, Q193, Q194.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to:

M184. Moved by Mr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

A copy of the Trust Royalty Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 1995 between the Government and Torch Energy Advisors Incorporated.

M185. Moved by Dr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

A copy of the Working Interest Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 1995 between the Government and Torch Energy Advisors Incorporated.

The following Motion for Return was agreed to as amended:

M182. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Copies of all working documents prepared by or for the Government between October 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995 with respect to options for replacing the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the implications for Alberta.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read as follows:

Copies of *published documents referenced* or prepared by or for the Government between October 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995 with respect to options for replacing the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the implications for Alberta.

The following Motion for Return was rejected:

M186. Moved by Dr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

Copies of all Alberta Crown agreements and ownership and management agreements between January 1, 1975 and December 31, 1995 respecting the agreement between the Province and participants which created the Syncrude Canada (Alberta) joint venture and Syncrude Management Committee.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M190, M191.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 873/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 2,440 Edmonton, Edmonton area and Sherwood Park residents urging the introduction of legislation to halt the grizzly bear harvest in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Saint Albert Saints on winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championships.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 32 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Notice having been given:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

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

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated April 18, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Dan Kepley offering congratulation to Mr. Kepley on the occasion of his induction to the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame

Sessional Paper 874/96

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

Letter, dated April 15, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, to Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding responses to questions raised by Mr. Henry on March 13, 1996, related to teacher stress and students with severe emotional/behavioral disabilities

Sessional Paper 875/96

Responses to questions raised during Designated Supply Subcommittee consideration of the estimates of the Department of Education, March 11, 13 and 18, 1996

Sessional Paper 876/96

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Public Accounts figures for 1988-89, 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1992-93 regarding contracts with Thompson Macdonald Strategic Communications Consulting Ltd.

Sessional Paper 877/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, on April 17, 1996, regarding air ambulance dispatch and training

Sessional Paper 878/96

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

1995 State of the Environment Annual Report regarding Waste Management

Sessional Paper 879/96

Mrs. Gordon, Chair, Legislative Committee on Native Gaming:

Government of Alberta news release, dated April 18, 1996, entitled "Native Gaming Report released recommending Government policy on native gaming," with attached copy of the report

Sessional Paper 880/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter, dated April 18, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to the St. Albert Saints Junior Hockey Club, offering congratulations to the team for winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League title

Sessional Paper 881/96

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

List of Alberta Liberal Opposition bills and motions, 1993-96, regarding labour legislation and employment standards

Sessional Paper 882/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Calgary Herald advertisement, April 18, 1996, page B11, regarding multiculturalism

Sessional Paper 883/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the passage of the Equal Suffrage Bill, proclaimed April 19, 1916, granting women the right to vote.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 1989 signing of the Metis Settlements Accord between the Province and 8 Metis settlements.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, made a statement regarding the Government's failure to support multiculturalism and heritage languages in Alberta.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association and its importance to the young people of Calgary.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 22 to April 25, 1996:

Monday, April 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 23	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

Wednesday, April 24	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, April 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate the Saint Albert Saints on winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championships.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Mrs. Fritz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:15 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until Monday, April 22, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce legislation to halt the grizzly bear harvest in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 ABC Benefits Corporation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

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

Bill 37 ABC Benefits Corporation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s 9(4):

College of Physical Therapists, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 81/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Supplementary information to questions from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition Leader, April 15, 1996, regarding cataract surgery in Edmonton
Sessional Paper 884/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions from Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, April 18, 1996, regarding Hotel de Health Inc.
Sessional Paper 885/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated April 16, 1996, from Dr. Noel Gibney, Regional Program Director, Capital Health Authority, to Dr. Brian Holroyd, Regional Program Clinical Director, Emergency Program, regarding budget reduction impact on critical care
Sessional Paper 886/96

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22-1, s44:

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 3/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1996

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:21 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:57 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 300 Albertans urging the Government to make Career and Life Management (CALM) an optional high school course.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 763 Sherwood Park, Strathcona County and City of Fort Saskatchewan residents urging the Government to keep their communities in the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented 10 letters from members of the Equitable Child Maintenance and Access (ECMA) group regarding the affect on children of family break up.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 24, 1996:

Written Questions: Q189, Q192, Q193, Q194.

Motions for Returns: M190, M191.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery

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

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter from Valerie Holowack to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the wishes of residents of Sherwood Park, County of Strathcona and City of Fort Saskatchewan to remain within the Lakeland Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 887/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

Letters, variously dated and signed, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the establishment of smoke-free work places

Sessional Paper 888/96

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News release, dated April 20, 1996, from the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association, regarding support for the negotiation process which resulted in a framework agreement for education reform in Newfoundland without a constitutional amendment

Sessional Paper 889/96

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-10, s12(1):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 106/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Proposed amendment to Bill 209, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 890/96

Mrs. Laing, Chair, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission Three Year Business Plan, 1996/97-98/99

Sessional Paper 891/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement regarding restrictions the Canadian Wheat Board places on grain farmers.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing April 22, 1996 as Earth Day.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement recognizing April 21 to 27, 1996 as National Physiotherapy Week.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the vitality of small businesses in tough economic times and the services provided to small businesses by agencies like the West Edmonton Business Association.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 209 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 892/96

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Agricultural Operation Review Board to arbitrate disagreements that may arise regarding generally accepted agricultural practices as they pertain to the Agricultural Operation Practices Act.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

509. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a comprehensive review of the policies that govern Kananaskis Country, including the Sub-Regional Integrated Resource Plan, to determine the cumulative impact of all activities, including recreation, oil and gas exploitation, logging and grazing, and in consultation with Albertans, determine acceptable levels for future development that will protect the natural habitat and wildlife populations of the region.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Evans speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Agent-General Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act — Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 4 Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 5 Racing Corporation Act — Hon. Dr. West

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 19 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 893/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 894/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 895/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 896/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 897/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 898/96

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Member for Calgary-West) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 899/96

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 900/96

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 901/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 1996

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act — Mr. Decore

Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. McFarland

As part of this report I will be filing copies of the amendments proposed for these Bills.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

Sessional Paper 902/96

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Mr. Dunford, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, pursuant to Standing Order 52 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27, s3(3):

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, April 1996

Sessional Paper 156/96

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon.
Mr. Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated April 24, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to His Excellency Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine, offering sympathies to the people of Ukraine on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster

Sessional Paper 903/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter, dated April 22, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Lyndsay Wheelans, Coach, Team Canada, offering congratulations for winning Canada's third world title at the 1996 World Ringette Tournament in Stockholm, Sweden

Sessional Paper 904/96

Letter, dated April 22, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Brian McNaughton, Coach, South Senators, offering congratulations for winning the 1996 Mac's Alberta Cup in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 905/96

Hon. Mrs. Mirosh, Minister of Science and Research, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated April 22, 1996, from Peter Valentine, FCA, Auditor General, to C.J. Miller, Chair, Capital Health Authority, regarding a budgetary systems review of the Capital Health Authority, with attached copy of review

Sessional Paper 906/96

Health Care System Benchmarking Study, Project Report, KPMG Management Consulting, prepared for the Capital Health Authority, March 29, 1996

Sessional Paper 907/96

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Alberta Liberal Caucus Principles on Social Policy, revised February 7, 1996

Sessional Paper 908/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Canadian Hemophilia Society information folder regarding blood bags and products

Sessional Paper 909/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, commented on the statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

Q192. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

As of December 31, 1995, how many Treaty Indians were employed by the Government and how many were members of a recognized Alberta band?

The following Written Question was agreed to as amended:

Q189. Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

How many inspections of logging trucks were carried out between January 1, and February 29, 1996, within the periods 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8:00 a.m., to check for the new timber hauling permits introduced on January 1, 1996; how many infringements were recorded and how many charges were laid with respect to vehicles apprehended in each time period?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the Written Question be amended to read as follows:

How many inspections of logging trucks were carried out between *January 3*, and February 29, 1996, within the periods 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8:00 a.m., to check for the new timber hauling permits introduced on *January 3, 1996*; how many infringements were recorded and how many *penalties were recommended* with respect to vehicles apprehended in each time period. *For those inspections where a time period was not recorded, what was the total number of logging truck inspections carried out, and how many infringements were recorded and how many penalties were recommended?*

The following Written Questions were rejected:

Q193. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

How much was paid out in severance to each of the previous board members and senior officials who were released when the Alberta Liquor Control Board, Alberta Lotteries, Alberta Lotteries and Gaming, the Alberta Gaming Commission, and the Gaming Control Branch were amalgamated into the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission?

Q194. Moved by Mr. Wickman:

What Community Facility Enhancement Program II (CFEP II) grants were approved that required the Minister responsible for Lotteries to exercise discretion since the application did not fit the original policies for eligibility and what was the rationale for a CFEP II grant to these applicants?

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, tabled the following:

Backgrounder, Community Facility Enhancement Program II, Redwater and District Pioneer Club

Sessional Paper 910/96

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M190. Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen

A list of all fees and expenses paid to each chairperson of each subcommittee set up under Government Standing Policy Committees during 1995.

M191. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of all documentation disclosing the amount paid by the Department of Health for any moving expenses incurred by Jane Fulton or by the Department on behalf of Jane Fulton, pursuant to the Public Service Regulations, Chapter C, during the period March 1, 1995 to March 15, 1996.

Public Bills and Orders
Other Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, moved that the motion for Third reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 209, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996, be not now read a Third time, but be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for consideration for no longer than 120 minutes, to enable the Committee to consider amendments to sections 2 and 3 of the Bill, and that after the Committee reports, Bill 209 be the first matter of business considered by the Assembly under Public Bills and Orders Other than Government Bills and Orders.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

According to the recommittal motion, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following recommitted Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 209 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 911/96

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont)
— Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 912/96

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of documents tabled by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Committee of the Whole considerations of Bill 203, Family Dispute Resolution Act:

Letter, dated April 15, 1996, from Angela Kerr, Vice Chair, Canadian Bar Association Alberta Branch, Family Law Section, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, and Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding Bill 203, Family Dispute Resolution Act

Sessional Paper 913/96

Letter, dated March 12, 1996, from Marjorie Bowker, Retired Judge, Provincial Court of Alberta, to Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Bill 203, Family Dispute Resolution Act

Sessional Paper 914/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:22 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved the Bill be amended in Section 5(c), proposed section 4(3.1), by striking out:

even if an application for the rebate was made before this subsection came into force.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Chadi	Germain	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Massey	Vasseur
Decore	Percy	Zariwny
Dickson	Sekulic	

Against the amendment: 30

Black	Fischer	McFarland
Brassard	Fritz	Mirosh
Burgener	Havelock	Pham
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Kowalski	Smith
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Dunford	Magnus	Woloshyn
Evans	Mar	Yankowsky

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 17 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod on behalf the Hon. Provincial Treasurer) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 915/96

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 916/96

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 917/96

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 918/96

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Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 919/96

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 920/96

Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 921/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:24 p.m. until Thursday, April 25, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize today, Thursday, April 25, 1996, as the first annual Canada Book Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Evaluation Criteria for Receiving and Assessing Proposals to Market Crown Royalty Crude, April 25, 1996

Sessional Paper 922/96

Government of Alberta news release, dated April 25, 1996, entitled "Department of Energy names three companies to market Government's royalty crude"

Sessional Paper 923/96

Backgrounder, Process for Privatizing the Marketing of Crown Crude Oil
Sessional Paper 924/96

Profiles of the Marketers of Crown Royalty Crude Oil, Gulf Canada Resources Limited, PanCanadian Petroleum Limited, and CANPET Energy Group Inc.
Sessional Paper 925/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated April 18, 1996, from Mrs. Zielke, President, German-Canadian Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Association's opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 926/96

Letter, fax-dated April 24, 1996, from Alaine Skoreyko, former Human Rights Commissioner (1989-1993), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 927/96

Letter, dated April 19, 1996, from Ralph and Beth Edie, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 928/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, made a statement recognizing April 28, 1996 as Injured Workers Day.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing Volunteer Week in Alberta and the support of Lottery and Wild Rose Foundation funding of volunteer activities.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the medical experience of Debbie Heart's father-in-law and his subsequent treatment at the Royal Alexandra and University of Alberta Hospitals.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Fire Fighter Services Association for its successful bid for Edmonton to host the 4th annual Fire Fighter World Games, July 29 to August 3, 1996.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 29 to May 2, 1996:

Monday, April 29

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 19, Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 18, Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 17, Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 16, Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act

Bill 15, Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 14, Health Foundations Act

Bill 13, Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996

Second Reading

Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act

Bill 29, Employment Standards Code

Bill 31, Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 33, Victims of Crime Act

Tuesday, April 30

(4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 7, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996

Bill 8, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 9, Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 12, Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation Act

Bill 20, Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 21, Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 25, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996

Bill 27, Public Health Amendment Act, 1996

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 As per Order Paper

Wednesday, May 1 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 As per Order Paper

Thursday, May 2 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 As per Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize today, Thursday, April 25, 1996 as the first annual Canada Book Day.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Trynchy, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 929/96

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 930/96

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 931/96

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, tabled the following:

Request for Action to the Members of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of
People with Developmental Disabilities and their Families, Alberta
Association for Community Living

Sessional Paper 932/96

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m.,
at 5:22 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until Monday, April 29, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little-Bow, presented a resolution from the
Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District regarding the main canal repairs on the
Peigan Reserve.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Glenora, taken under notice by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, April 24, 1996,
regarding the Out-of-Province Supplementary Assistance Committee

Sessional Paper 933/96

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Office of the Farmers' Advocate, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 934/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Newspaper advertisement, entitled "Remember When . . .," regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Multiculturalism Act, with attached signatures

Sessional Paper 935/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Newspaper advertisement, entitled "Remember When . . .," regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Multiculturalism Act, with attached signatures

Sessional Paper 936/96

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Newspaper advertisement, entitled "Remember When . . .," regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Multiculturalism Act, with attached signatures

Sessional Paper 937/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Newspaper advertisement, entitled "Remember When . . .," regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Multiculturalism Act, with attached letters to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development

Sessional Paper 938/96

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Grand Jury Indictment in the District Court of the United States for the District of New Mexico, regarding the United States of America, plaintiff, vs. Roland "Buddy" Othick, Samuel A. Francis, Sandra Hindi Othick, Robert Redmer and Rudy Marich, defendants, August 15, 1990, Criminal Action No. 90-329

Sessional Paper 939/96

Securities and Exchange Commission, Litigation Release No. 13150, regarding United States of America vs Roland "Buddy" Othick, Samuel A. Francis and Robert Redmer (Criminal Action No. 90-329 JC D. of N.M.)

Sessional Paper 940/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act — Mr. Decore

Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by striking out everything after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996, not be read a Third time because the Government has not demonstrated that consumers in Alberta will not experience insurance premium increases due to the implementation of the Act.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 18

Abdurahman	Hanson	Nicol
Bracko	Henry	Percy
Bruseker	Hewes	Sapers
Carlson	Leibovici	Soetaert
Collingwood	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Dickson	Mitchell	White

Against the amendment: 39

Beniuk	Friedel	McFarland
Black	Fritz	Mirosh
Brassard	Haley	Oberg
Burgener	Havelock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Herard	Renner
Clegg	Hierath	Severtson
Day	Hlady	Shariff
Dinning	Jacques	Stelmach
Doerksen	Jonson	Taylor
Dunford	Laing	Thurber
Evans	Lund	Trynchy
Fischer	Magnus	West
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by striking out everything after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 14, Health Foundations Act, not be read a Third time because the Government has not proven to Albertans that Agent of the Crown Health Foundations will not unduly compete with and impede the ability of existing health related foundations to raise funds and carry on their charitable activities.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 14 Health Foundations Act — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

Bill 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill 17 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 19 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon.
Mr. Paszkowski

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Black	Havelock	Oberg
Brassard	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Shariff
Doerksen	Jonson	Smith
Dunford	Laing	Stelmach
Fischer	Lund	Taylor
Forsyth	Magnus	Trynchy
Friedel	McClellan	West
Fritz	McFarland	Woloshyn
Haley		

Against the motion: 21

Beniuk	Henry	Sapers
Bracko	Hewes	Sekulic
Bruseker	Leibovici	Soetaert
Carlson	Massey	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Mitchell	White
Dickson	Nicol	Wickman
Hanson	Percy	Zwozdesky

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1996

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 941/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:16 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act — Mr. Pham

Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act — Mr. Decore

Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 942/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 943/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 944/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 945/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 946/96

Amendment to Bill 6 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 947/96

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for Little Bow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 948/96

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 949/96

Amendment to Bill Pr4 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 950/96

Amendment to Bill Pr5 (Hon. Member for Little Bow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 951/96

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 952/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:24 p.m., until Tuesday, April 30, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

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

The Deputy Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Russell James Whitson, who passed away April 29, 1996. Mr. Whitson represented the constituency of Vermilion, 1955-1959.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 177 Albertans urging the Government to insure that there are no more health care cuts in the Capital Health Authority.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice that the Motions for Returns appearing on tomorrow's Order Paper, Wednesday, May 1, 1996, stand and retain their places.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize April 28 to May 4, 1996 as National Information Rights Week and congratulate the organizers of events throughout Alberta designed to focus public attention on this important issue.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Notice having been given:

Bill 43 Election Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Hierath

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

Bill 43 Election Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Hierath

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-33, s32:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 120/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 130/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

1995 Report of the Audit Committee, Implementation Status of the Alberta Financial Review Commission's Recommendations
Sessional Paper 953/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M182 asked for by Dr. Percy on April 17, 1996:

Copies of published documents referenced or prepared by or for the Government between October 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995 with respect to options for replacing the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the implications for Alberta.

Sessional Paper 182/96

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M169 asked for by Ms Hanson on February 28, 1996:

The staff turnover rates in the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Family and Social Services and a breakdown of each of the staffing classifications for the period January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1995.

Sessional Paper 169/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M170 asked for by Ms Hanson on February 28, 1996:

A copy of all assessments conducted on the In-home Support Program for Families in Crises within the Department of Family and Social Services including who conducted the assessment, over what time frame, and the type of assessment used, for the period January 1, 1994, to December 31 1995.

Sessional Paper 170/96

Response to Written Question No. Q192 asked by Dr. Nicol on April 24, 1996:

As of December 31, 1995, how many Treaty Indians were employed by the Government and how many were members of a recognized Alberta band?

Sessional Paper 192/96

Hon. Mrs. Mirosch, Minister of Science and Research, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Beth Price, Chairman of the Board, Calgary Jewish Centre, and Hal Joffe, Community Relations' Co-chair, Calgary Jewish Community Council, expressing dismay, anger and frustration over the letter bomb received by the Calgary Jewish Centre on April 29, 1996

Sessional Paper 954/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

Letters, variously dated and signed, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, and Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, urging support for a ban on smoking in government offices

Sessional Paper 955/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letters, variously dated and signed, between the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton and the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; and Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, regarding Bill 205, Limitation of Actions Act and the impact of the Act on the legal rights of sexual assault victims

Sessional Paper 956/96

Letter, dated April 26, 1996, from William Partridge, Executive Director, Building Owners and Managers Association of Calgary, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 957/96

Fax, dated April 30, 1996, from Lee Research Associates, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 958/96

Letter, dated April 26, 1996, from D. Michael Dobbin, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding human rights laws and normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 959/96

Letter, dated April 24, 1996, from John and Brenda Baker, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 960/96

Letter, dated April 29, 1996, from Richard Bennett, President, Alberta Civil Liberties Association, to the Editor, Calgary Herald, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 961/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding the grave health risks associated with breast implants.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Student Leadership Conference being held May 26 to 28, 1996 at the University of Calgary.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement paying tribute to Alberta's educators.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize April 28 to May 4, 1996 as National Information Rights Week and congratulate the organizers of events throughout Alberta designed to focus public attention on this important issue.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendments to Bill 203 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 962/96

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 210 Citizen's Initiative Act — Dr. L. Taylor

A debate followed.

Deputy Speaker's Ruling — Closing Debate

The procedure for considering Private Members' Public Bills is an evolving one, and there are situations which occur that are not necessarily provided for in the 1993 amendments to our Standing Orders on this topic. Standing Order 8(5)(a) provides that the mover of a Private Members' Public Bill at Second reading is entitled to 5 minutes to close debate. Bill 210 was moved by the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury on behalf of the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat. When the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat was able to speak to his Bill, he requested unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow him to close debate. Such consent at that time was not given. The Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat spoke for 20 minutes and at that time received unanimous consent to take some additional time, which amounted to 3 minutes, and there were subsequent speakers to this debate.

Beauchesne at paragraph 466(2) provides that “should a Member propose a motion on behalf of another Member, a later speech by either will close the debate.” Of course, this Assembly has a specific provision for Private Members' Public Bills allowing the mover 5 minutes to close, which does not appear in the case of the federal House of Commons as given in the previous subparagraph in Beauchesne. As this, then, is an unprovided for contingency, the Chair rules that in the future when a Bill is moved for Second or Third reading by someone other than the

sponsor, then a subsequent speech by the sponsor will serve to close debate. Well, we obviously had a speech by the honourable sponsor, and it did not close debate. The sponsor, then, will have to judge the time accordingly. So if the sponsor does not make a speech, then the sponsor or the mover is entitled to make the 5-minute speech to close debate.

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Abdurahman	Forsyth	Nicol
Beniuk	Germain	Percy
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Carlson	Hierath	Soetaert
Chadi	Hlady	Taylor
Collingwood	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Day	Kowalski	Vasseur
Decore	Leibovici	Wickman
Dickson	Massey	Zwozdesky
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 33

Black	Gordon	Pham
Brassard	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Jacques	Rostad
Calahasen	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Clegg	Langevin	Smith
Dinning	Magnus	Stelmach
Dunford	McFarland	Thurber
Evans	Mirosh	Trynchy
Fischer	Oberg	Woloshyn
Fritz	Paszkowski	Yankowsky

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a comprehensive review of the policies that govern Kananaskis Country, including the Sub-Regional Integrated Resource Plan, to determine the cumulative impact of all activities, including recreation, oil and gas exploitation, logging and grazing, and in consultation with Albertans, determine acceptable levels for future development that will protect the natural habitat and wildlife populations of the region.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

510. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to help eradicate violence against Alberta women through the following initiatives: urging the Federal Government to implement stricter sentencing for abusers; establishing mandatory and continuing education programs for all Provincial Court judges on violence against women; providing 100 percent funding for Alberta women's shelters; providing comprehensive counselling for children and women who are victims of violence as well as the abusers; providing stricter enforcement of restraining orders; undertaking a review of Alberta women's access to the legal system; urging the Federal Government to eliminate extreme drunkenness as a criminal defence; and legislating guidelines to protect the privacy of women's counselling records.

A debate followed.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by striking out everything after

through

and substituting

education and prevention initiatives, including the development of appropriate legal strategies, policies and programs in cooperation with the Federal Government.

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

Private Bills

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 8(2)(c) allowing consideration of Private Bills.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act — Mr. Pham
- Bill Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act — Mr. Decore
- Bill Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 12 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mrs. Black
- Bill 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Havelock

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, tabled the following:

Information Circular, Fuel Tax Act, Alberta Treasury Revenue Administration,
September 1987

Sessional Paper 963/96

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 25, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Third reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation Act — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 32 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:25 p.m., until Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from Albertans urging the Government to insure that there are no more health care cuts in the Capital Health Authority.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, request the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, to urge the Government to ensure that there are no more health care cuts in the Capital Health Authority in the next fiscal year and that a portion of the provincial surplus be allocated to ensuring that the Capital Health Authority has sufficient resources that they do not have to make more cuts to rehabilitation services in the region.

Notices of Motions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize May 1, 1996 as International Workers' Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Facts about Community Heritage Language Schools and Multiculturalism,
Northern Alberta Heritage Language Association
Sessional Paper 964/96

Fact Sheet, Dante Alighieri Society, School of Italian Language and Culture,
April 26, 1996
Sessional Paper 965/96

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

MLA Task Force Report Relating to the Administration of the Young
Offenders Act in Alberta
Sessional Paper 966/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Bill Mortensen, Chairman, Board of
Directors, Eastern Irrigation District, to Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow
Valley, regarding proposed revisions to the Water Act
Sessional Paper 967/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated April 29, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General,
regarding Bill 205, Limitations Act
Sessional Paper 968/96

Excerpt from Canadian Manufacturer's Association newsletter regarding
Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 969/96

Letter, dated May 1, 1996, from Lloyd Greenway, Convener, Church in Society Committee, Calgary Presbytery, The United Church of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, regarding The United Church of Canada's support for the Coalition Against Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 970/96

Letter, dated April 28, 1996, from Ron Ross, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 971/96

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Gordon Christie, Executive Secretary, Calgary and District Labour Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 972/96

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Jean Forest, Edmonton, to Murdoch Davis, Editor in Chief, Edmonton Journal, regarding normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 973/96

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Rev. Clinton Mooney, Chairperson, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Alberta Region, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, regarding opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996, with attached letter, dated November 19, 1993, from Rev. Clinton Mooney to the Alberta Human Rights Commission

Sessional Paper 974/96

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize May 1, 1996 as International Workers' Day.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M195, M196, M197, M198, M199, M200, M201, M202.

**Public Bills and Orders
Other Than Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 211 School (Age of Enrolment) Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Henry

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 212 Consumer Protection Act — Ms Abdurahman

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30, at 5:18 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 1 Agent-General Act Repeal Act
- 2 Alberta Economic Development Authority Act
- 3 Lloydminster Hospital Act Repeal Act
- 4 Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1996
- 5 Racing Corporation Act
- 7 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996
- 8 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
- 9 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1996
- 12 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation Act
- 13 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
- 14 Health Foundations Act
- 15 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1996
- 16 Economic Development and Tourism Statutes Repeal Act
- 17 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996
- 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
- 19 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1996
- 20 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1996
- 21 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 1996
- 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1996
- 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996
- 205 Limitations Act
- 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996
- 209 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1996
- Pr1 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1996
- Pr3 Evangel Bible College Act
- Pr4 Bethesda Bible College Act
- Pr5 Farmers' Union of Alberta Amendment Act, 1996

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Fritz	McFarland
Black	Gordon	Mirosh
Brassard	Haley	Oberg
Burgener	Hanson	Pham
Cardinal	Havelock	Rostad
Clegg	Hierath	Sapers
Coutts	Jacques	Sekulic
Dalla-Longa	Jonson	Severtson
Day	Kowalski	Shariff
Dickson	Laing	Stelmach
Dinning	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Evans	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 4

Decore	Kirkland	Zwozdesky
Germain		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 32 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:03 p.m., until Thursday, May 2, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2, 1996

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

The Deputy Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Gerrit Joseph Radstaak, who passed away May 1, 1996. Mr. Radstaak represented the constituency of Strathcona South, 1967-1971.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 940 Albertans urging the Government to uphold the five basic principles of Medicare: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public administration.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, request the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, to urge the Government to ensure that there are no more health care cuts in the Capital Health Authority in the next fiscal year and that a portion of the provincial surplus be allocated to ensuring that the Capital Health Authority has sufficient resources that they do not have to make more cuts to rehabilitation services in the region.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Letter, dated May 2, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Hon. Mr. Chrétien, Prime Minister, regarding Albertan's concerns about the Federal Government's action on the promise to replace the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Sessional Paper 975/96

Letter, dated June 7, 1995, from Fazil Mihlar, Policy Analyst, Fraser Institute, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding comments Mr. Mitchell made on the Dave Rutherford Show on May 25, 1995, respecting debt retirement

Sessional Paper 976/96

Alberta Hansard, March 13, 1995, pp. 518-520

Sessional Paper 977/96

Alberta Hansard, April 6, 1995, pp. 1095 and 1100

Sessional Paper 978/96

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Report on the Regional Sessions, Volume I, Moderator's Report, Clean Air Strategy for Alberta, July 1991

Sessional Paper 979/96

Report to Ministers, Extracts, Clean Air Strategy for Alberta, June 1992

Sessional Paper 980/96

The Big Picture and Priorities, Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA), Board Member's Presentation Package and Speaking Notes

Sessional Paper 981/96

Caring for Alberta's Air, The West Central Experience, Environmental Network News, January/February 1995, pp. 4-7

Sessional Paper 982/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated April 29, 1996, from Debra Tomlinson, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding her opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Premier's comments regarding normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 983/96

Letter, dated April 28, 1996, from Marilyn Seelye, Calgary Poverty Focus Group, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and the Premier's comments regarding normal Albertans

Sessional Paper 984/96

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Bill 23, Condominium and Property Amendment Act, 1996, Comments and Questions from Second Reading, April 2, 1996

Sessional Paper 985/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Calgary Herald article, May 2, 1996, p. A16, entitled "There is strength in diversity"

Sessional Paper 986/96

Letter, dated April 19, 1996, from Josephine Pallard, President, Northern Alberta Heritage Language Association, and Michael Embaie, President, Southern Alberta Heritage Language Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 987/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Brochure from the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) entitled, "Reinvest," regarding \$14 million in cuts to Calgary's medical lab system

Sessional Paper 988/96

Disillusion and Confusion, Study of the Impact of Laboratory Restructuring in Region 4, Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)

Sessional Paper 989/96

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division, decision regarding Scott Steel Ltd. v. the Alarissa (The Edmonton Queen), Action No. T-1457-93

Sessional Paper 990/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Impact of the Petroleum Industry on Cattle Production, Critical Review of Scientific and Other Literature, Alberta Environmental Centre (Government of Alberta) and WDA Consultants Inc., April 21, 1995, with attached maps

Sessional Paper 991/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health Information Bulletin, dated May 1, 1996, entitled "Early Detection Aim of Better Speech, Language and Hearing Month"

Sessional Paper 992/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s13:

Health Authority 5, Three Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99, issued January 1996

Sessional Paper 75Q/96

Alberta Cancer Board, Three Year Business Plan, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Sessional Paper 75R/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement announcing Nursing Week, May 6 to 12, 1996, the contributions of nurses to the Province of Alberta, and the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN) theme for this year's activities, "Ask a Registered Nurse, We Make a Difference."

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and its harmonization with provincial sales tax.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing West Fraser Timber Corporation's Slave Lake operation and the contributions of the company towards making Alberta number one in forest products.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 6 to May 9, 1996:

Monday, May 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Tuesday, May 7	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Wednesday, May 8	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, May 9	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 993/96

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 994/96

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 995/96

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 996/96

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 997/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 998/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 999/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mar, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until Monday, May 6, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, request the Legislative Assembly of Alberta reaffirm our support for the five basic principles upon which Medicare was built: accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness, public administration, and urge the Government to uphold these principles.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Survey Results, Human Rights, February 2 to 13, 1996, prepared for Alberta Community Development by Environics West, March 1996

Sessional Paper 1000/96

Human Rights Update, Chief Commissioner's Report, Alberta Human Rights Commission, January 1 to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 1001/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Advertisement entitled "Remember when . . ." Edmonton Journal, April 18, 1996, p. B11, with 61 attached signatures

Sessional Paper 1002/96

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. Q164 asked for by Mr. Collingwood, March 13, 1996:

Which waste management authorities received provincial funds for the planning and construction of landfills and other solid waste treatment facilities (including composting) each year between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1995, how much did each receive and for what purpose?

Sessional Paper 164/96

Response to Written Question No. Q165 asked for by Mr. Collingwood, March 13, 1996:

How much was spent to dredge the Kananaskis River close to the Kananaskis Golf Course each year from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1995, and from which budget was this paid; what is the projected cost to move the Kananaskis River into a former river channel to prevent flooding of the golf course; what are the plans to proceed with this realignment; and from what budget would the cost be paid?

Sessional Paper 165/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M173 asked for by Mr. Collingwood, March 13, 1996:

A list providing the names and locations of all sites approved under each subsection of section 15.1 of the Special Waste Management Corporation Act to store hazardous waste, operate a facility for the collection of hazardous waste, treat hazardous waste and dispose of hazardous waste.

Sessional Paper 173/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M174 asked for by Mr. Collingwood, March 13, 1996:

A list of all site nominations submitted under the Special Places program, including their location, area and size, and the status of each nominated site in the review process on February 13, 1996.

Sessional Paper 174/96

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Letter, dated May 3, 1996, from Robert Clark, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding a question asked of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, during Oral Question Period, May 2, 1996, relating to Stevedore Holdings, with attached Blues, May 2, 1996, document 13-230

Sessional Paper 1003/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

University of Alberta news release, dated May 6, 1996, entitled "Merger of Dentistry with Medicine a first in Canada"

Sessional Paper 1004/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, announced that National Forest Week is May 5 to 11, 1996.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, announced a Workers' Compensation Board refund of \$13.3 million to employers participating in the Voluntary Incentive Plan.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, commented on the statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon.
Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

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

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to allow Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, to offer an apology to the Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, regarding a question asked by Mr. Bruseker during Oral Question Period, May 2, 1996.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act 1996 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 37 ABC Benefits Corporation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 38 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that the Assembly adjourn until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1996

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m., until Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice that Written Questions and Motions for Returns appearing on tomorrow's Order Paper, Wednesday, May 8, 1996, stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Petition presented to the Electoral Boundaries Commission signed by Nanton and area residents requesting that Nanton be moved back into the Highwood constituency

Sessional Paper 1005/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated May 7, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Right Hon. Mr. Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concern on behalf of Albertans about the way in which the Federal Government has chosen to harmonize the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Sessional Paper 1006/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter, dated May 6, 1996, from Christine Burdett, Chairman, Friends of the Leduc Hospital, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding 1,800 names on a petition requesting the Crossroads Regional Health Authority not approve a proposal to lease space in the Leduc Hospital to Hotel de Health
Sessional Paper 1007/96

Members' Statements

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding low income families and the rising costs of attending post-secondary institutions.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding injured workers and their treatment by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, made a statement regarding the development of the Trans Canada Trail and the efforts to that end of the volunteer organization Alberta TrailNet.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

The question being put the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 14

Amery	Doerksen	Stelmach
Beniuk	McFarland	Trynchy
Brassard	Oberg	Woloshyn
Burgener	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Day	Severtson	

Against the motion: 44

Abdurahman	Henry	Mirosh
Ady	Herard	Mitchell
Black	Hewes	Nicol
Bruseker	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Rostad
Carlson	Jacques	Sekulic
Dalla-Longa	Jonson	Soetaert
Decore	Kirkland	Tannas
Dunford	Kowalski	Taylor
Fischer	Laing	Thurber
Friedel	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Fritz	Magnus	Vasseur
Haley	Mar	West
Hanson	Massey	White
Havelock	McClellan	

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 212 Consumer Protection Act — Ms Abdurahman

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Dunford speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to help eradicate violence against Alberta women through the following initiatives: urging the Federal Government to implement stricter sentencing for abusers; establishing mandatory and continuing education programs for all Provincial Court judges on violence against women; providing 100 percent funding for Alberta women's shelters; providing comprehensive counselling for children and women who are victims of violence as well as the abusers; providing stricter enforcement of restraining orders; undertaking a review of Alberta women's access to the legal system; urging the Federal Government to eliminate extreme drunkenness as a criminal defence; and legislating guidelines to protect the privacy of women's counselling records.

Debate continued on an amendment introduced by Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on April 30, 1996, which read that the motion be amended by striking out everything after

through
and substituting

education and prevention initiatives, including the development of appropriate legal strategies, policies and programs in cooperation with the Federal Government.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the amendment was agreed to. The question being put on the motion as amended, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

511. Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to authorize an independent audit of the management of provincial forest lands to examine the adequacy of current forest management, which would include a critical analysis of timber supplies and the effectiveness of current policies and practices in achieving sustainable development.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

At 4:29 p.m. unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to call it 4:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), at 5:30 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, indicated by memo to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated February 21, 1996, he would absent himself from the Assembly during debate on Bill 6, Gaming and Liquor Act, because of a private interest in the Canmore Hotel.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Fritz	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Paszkowski
Brassard	Havelock	Renner
Burgener	Hierath	Rostad
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Cardinal	Jacques	Stelmach
Chadi	Laing	Tannas
Day	Lund	Taylor
Dinning	Magnus	Thurber
Doerksen	McClellan	Woloshyn
Dunford	McFarland	Yankowsky
Friedel		

Against the motion: 11

Bruseker	Henry	Sapers
Dalla-Longa	Leibovici	Sekulic
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Hanson	Percy	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Act — Hon. Dr. West

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Mr. Woloshyn moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Haley	Oberg
Amery	Herard	Paszkowski
Brassard	Hierath	Renner
Burgener	Hlady	Rostad
Calahasen	Jacques	Severtson
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Taylor
Dunford	Lund	Thurber
Friedel	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fritz	McClellan	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 14

Bruseker	Hanson	Percy
Chadi	Havelock	Sapers
Dalla-Longa	Henry	Sekulic
Dickson	Leibovici	Zwozdesky
Doerksen	Nicol	

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1008/96

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:27 p.m., until Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

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

Speaker's Statement — Anniversaries

The Chair offered congratulations to Hon. Members who today celebrate their 10th anniversary since they were first elected to this Assembly, May 8, 1986: the Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury, the Hon. Member for Dunvegan, the Hon. Government House Leader, the Hon. Provincial Treasurer, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the Hon. Minister for Science and Research, the Hon. Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities, the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and the Hon. Speaker.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 403 Calgary residents regarding a review of Early Childhood Services (ECS) funding.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 358 Calgary residents regarding a review of Early Childhood Services (ECS) funding.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from Calgary residents urging the Government to suspend further hospital closures in Calgary.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. Q157 asked for by Mr. Van Binsbergen on March 13, 1996:

What are the estimated volumes of deciduous and coniferous timber that were stolen from Crown land between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1995?

Sessional Paper 157/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M167 asked for by Mr. Van Binsbergen on March 13, 1996:

The penalties assessed against commercial timber operators for breaches of the Forests Act and regulations or of the Alberta timber harvest planning and operating ground rules, where the penalty exceeded \$1000, the name of the *company*, the nature of the infringement, the amount of the penalty and the date on which the *penalty was assessed* for the period January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995.

Sessional Paper 167/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M168 asked for by Mr. Van Binsbergen on March 13, 1996:

A list of all projects that were approved for funding under the Forest Resource Improvement Program, from January 1, 1995 until December 31, 1995, giving the name of each company, a summary of each project and the amount granted.

Sessional Paper 168/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M175 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on March 13, 1996:

A list showing how all proceeds from the 1995 special auction and raffle for two sheep and two elk permits were distributed, including a summary of each project, the amount allocated, the name of the body responsible for administering the project and what plans have been made for auditing the projects.

Sessional Paper 175/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health Information Bulletin, dated May 8, 1996, entitled "May 12 is ME/CFS/FMS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Fibromyalgia) Awareness Day in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1009/96

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter, dated May 8, 1996, from Ms Burgener, Chairman, Seniors Advisory Council, to Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, providing clarification of the response to a question raised May 7, 1996, regarding budget figures for the Seniors Advisory Council

Sessional Paper 1010/96

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Advertisement entitled, "Remember When . . .," Edmonton Journal, April 28, 1996, with 74 attached signatures

Sessional Paper 1011/96

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

13 letters, variously dated and signed, from Grade 8 and 9 students of the Yellowhead Christian School, Edson, urging the Government to develop stronger laws to discourage smoking among young people

Sessional Paper 1012/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Advertisement entitled, "Remember When . . .," Edmonton Journal, April 28, 1996, with 75 attached signatures

Sessional Paper 1013/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Ronald Sorokin, Community Relations Chair, Jewish Federation of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Federation's opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1014/96

Letter, dated April 30, 1996, from Marielis Zielke, President, German-Canadian Association of Alberta, to Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, offering thanks to Mr. Zwozdesky for his efforts in support of multiculturalism

Sessional Paper 1015/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

74 letters, undated, from Calgary and area residents, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding downtown Calgary's need for a full-scale hospital and urging the Government to stop hospital closures

Sessional Paper 1016/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, filed the following:

Letter, dated January 24, 1996, from Debbie Elicksen, Calgary, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding a Glamorgan senior who visits a local dumpster on a daily basis, with attached picture

Sessional Paper 1017/96

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, filed the following:

Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Memorandum, dated May 8, 1996, from Gerry Bourdeau, Managing Director, to Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board and use of the RITE phone system

Sessional Paper 1018/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q206, Q207, Q208.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M195, M196, M197, M198, M199, M200, M202, M203, M204, M205, M209.

**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 212 Consumer Protection Act — Ms Abdurahman

A debate followed.

The question being, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 213 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

Mr. Severtson moved adjournment the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:04 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 43 Election Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Hierath

Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:53 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 1996, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 2,051 Albertans offering support for the Leduc Hospital and opposing private use of the facility.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Success Story Submissions 1996, Health Authorities Forum
Sessional Paper 1019/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Proposed amendment to section 3 of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection
Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 1020/96

Proposed amendment to section 18 of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection
Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 1021/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

25 letters, variously dated and signed, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of
Health, and Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, regarding support for
Bill 219, The Non-Smokers Health Act
Sessional Paper 1022/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding May 12, 1996, being designated Canada Health Day under the theme, "A New Perspective on Health".

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the medical treatment Mrs. Wasyliv received at the Royal Alexandra and Allen Gray Hospitals.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Mental Health Week, May 6 to 12, 1996, and the burden of coping with mental illness, particularly the stigma of mental illness.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Collingwood, Acting 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 13 to May 16, 1996:

Monday, May 13	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Tuesday, May 14	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Wednesday, May 15	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, May 16	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Progress was reported on the following Bill with some amendments:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1996

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Mr. Herard also tabled copies of a document tabled by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Three Hills-Airdrie, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 35, Personal Directives Act.

Letter, dated April 29, 1991, from Cecilia Johnstone, President, Canadian Bar Association, to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and Neil McCrank, Deputy Attorney General, regarding Bill 10, Powers of Attorney Act, with attached final submission of the Association

Sessional Paper 1024/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Three Hills-Airdrie) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1023/96

Sub-amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1025/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1026/96

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1027/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until Monday, May 13, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 1996

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, request the Alberta Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to review the issue of funding Early Childhood Services (E.C.S.), as the program is currently non-mandatory and funding has been cut for the period of 1994 to 1996.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to suspend further hospital closures in Calgary, and immediately hold an independent public inquiry on health care facilities in the city.

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, request the Alberta Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to review the issue of funding Early Childhood Services (E.C.S.), as the program is currently non-mandatory and funding has been cut for the period of 1994 to 1996.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question No. Q159 asked for by Mr. Dickson on March 13, 1996:

Which of the provincial correctional institutions have laundry facilities; what is the inventory of the major capital equipment in each of the laundry facilities; which of the provincial correctional institutions have a greenhouse; what is the size of each greenhouse and the major capital inventory contained in each; which of the provincial correctional institutions have shop facilities with the necessary equipment for activities such as shoe repair or furniture construction and repair; and what is the major capital inventory contained in each of the shop facilities?

Sessional Paper 159/96

Response to Written Question No. Q176 asked for by Mr. Dickson on March 13, 1996:

What is the criteria for classifying a provincial inmate as a minimum security inmate and who determines that classification?

Sessional Paper 176/96

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M166 asked for by Mr. Dickson on March 13, 1996:

A copy of all contracts between the Justice Department and independent contractors for the provision of laundry services to all provincial correctional and remand centres from June 15, 1993 to February 13, 1996. As the contractor's bargaining position could be adversely affected if contract amounts are disclosed, the contracted dollar amounts, as per section 15(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, have been severed.

Sessional Paper 166/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

48 letters, variously signed and dated, offering support for Motion 527 restricting smoking at all government worksites

Sessional Paper 1028/96

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Notice to Apprentices, Changes to Apprenticeship Training, Human Resources Development Canada, April 25, 1996

Sessional Paper 1029/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Letter, dated May 6, 1996, from Salvatore Amelio, President, National Congress of Italian Canadians, Edmonton District, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding opposition to many elements of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1030/96

Letter, dated May 13, 1996, from Mary Neczyk, Board of Directors, Northern Alberta Language Association (NAHLA) to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Premier's letter to the Association of March 23, 1996, with respect to the introduction of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1031/96

Letter, dated May 8, 1996, from Hannah Noerenberg, Principal, German Saturday School, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the elimination of the \$25 per student grant for International and Heritage Language Schools

Sessional Paper 1032/96

Letter, dated April 18, 1996, from James Jacuta, Volunteer President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Alberta Provincial Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1033/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated May 1, 1996, from W.S. Moore, Vice-President and Centre Manager, Brookfield LePage Management Western Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, regarding concerns about the impact of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, on the building industry

Sessional Paper 1034/96

Letter, dated May 10, 1996, from Kathleen Kohlman and Jennifer Adrain, Board Members, Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, offering comments on Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1035/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated May 10, 1996, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding proposals made by Hotel de Health, with attached background information

Sessional Paper 1036/96

President's Address to the 1996 Annual General Meeting, Health Sciences Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1037/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Poster entitled, "Friends of the Leduc Hospital urge you to say no to Hotel de Health"

Sessional Paper 1038/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services, made a statement announcing that May 13 to 19, 1996, is Meals on Wheels Awareness week.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, filed the following:

Financial Post article entitled, "Economic boom looks good on Klein," May 10, 1996, pp. 21-26

Sessional Paper 1039/96

BC Business, April 1996

Sessional Paper 1040/96

Calgary Herald article entitled, "Advantage Alberta," May 9, 1996, p. A18

Sessional Paper 1041/96

Toronto Globe and Mail article entitled, "How the West has won the jobs race," May 13, 1996, p. A6

Sessional Paper 1042/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Debate continued on an amendment introduced by Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, on May 9, 1996, which read as follows:

that section 6 be struck out.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Bracko	Hanson	Sapers
Chadi	Kirkland	Vasseur
Dalla-Longa	Leibovici	White
Dickson	Massey	Wickman
Germain		

Against the amendment: 39

Ady	Fritz	McClellan
Amery	Gordon	McFarland
Beniuk	Haley	Mirosh
Black	Havelock	Oberg
Brassard	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Calahasen	Jacques	Renner
Coutts	Jonson	Severtson
Day	Kowalski	Stelmach
Dinning	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Langevin	Trynchy
Fischer	Lund	West
Forsyth	Magnus	Yankowsky

Debate continued.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, moved:

that section 28 be struck out.

Debate continued on amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Bracko	Dickson	Leibovici
Chadi	Germain	Sapers
Collingwood	Hanson	Van Binsbergen
Dalla-Longa	Kirkland	White

Against the amendment: 41

Ady	Gordon	Mirosh
Amery	Haley	Oberg
Beniuk	Havelock	Paszkowski
Black	Hierath	Pham
Brassard	Hlady	Renner
Burgener	Jacques	Severtson
Calahasen	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Kowalski	Tannas
Day	Laing	Thurber
Dinning	Langevin	Trynchy
Dunford	Lund	West
Fischer	Magnus	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz	McFarland	

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee - continued)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the following be added after section 12:

12.1 Unless a personal directive expressly provides otherwise, if, after making a personal directive in which the maker's spouse is designated as agent, the maker's marriage is terminated by divorce or is found to be void or declared a nullity by a court in a proceeding to which the maker is a party, the designation of the spouse as agent is revoked.

A debate followed on amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Abdurahman	Dickson	Sekulic
Carlson	Germain	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Percy	

Against the amendment: 33

Amery	Forsyth	Lund
Brassard	Fritz	Magnus
Burgener	Gordon	McFarland
Calahasen	Haley	Oberg
Cardinal	Havelock	Paszkowski
Coutts	Hlady	Pham
Day	Jacques	Renner
Dinning	Jonson	Severtson
Dunford	Kowalski	Stelmach
Evans	Laing	West
Fischer	Langevin	Woloshyn

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley

Mrs. Forsyth, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1043/96

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1044/96

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1045/96

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
on division
Sessional Paper 1046/96

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Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1047/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1048/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
on division
Sessional Paper 1049/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 1050/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m., until Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice that the Written Questions and Motions for Returns appearing on tomorrow's Order Paper, Wednesday, May 15, 1996, stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Looking to the Future, A Discussion Paper on an Agenda for Older Albertans,
undated
Sessional Paper 1051/96

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Responses to Questions from Committee of Supply, Department of Energy,
March 6 and 14, 1996
Sessional Paper 1052/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Survey Results, Straight Talk/Clear Choices, Reinvesting in Alberta, May 13, 1996

Sessional Paper 1053/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Looking to the Future, A Report on the Seniors Consultation Process, Discussion Paper, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, undated

Sessional Paper 1054/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Unemployed, A Faith Response to Unemployment, Social Justice Commission, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, April 1996

Sessional Paper 1055/96

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Statement of Operations and Fund Balance, December 31, 1995, Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1056/96

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Listen to Me, Final Report of the Quality of Life Commission, March 1996

Sessional Paper 1057/96

4 inserts for church programs, Quality of Life Commission, Local and Global Justice Committee and the Outreach Ministries Committee of Edmonton Presbytery, United Church of Canada, May 5, 1996

Sessional Paper 1058/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Amendment to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, proposed by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore

Sessional Paper 1059/96

Letter, dated May 13, 1996, from James Jacuta, Volunteer President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Alberta Provincial Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1060/96

Letter, dated May 13, 1996, from Mrs. Marielis Zielke, President, German-Canadian Association of Alberta, regarding the Association's opposition to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996

Sessional Paper 1061/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, read a letter from a constituent concerned about unemployment and training for the unemployed.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding support from his constituents for his recent questions relating to the Workers' Compensation Board and regarding an Edmonton Sun article by Neil Waugh.

Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement offering support and thanks to the Friends of the Oil Sands Interpretative Centre in Fort McMurray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 213 Ombudsman Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(i), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Abdurahman	Dickson	Kirkland
Bracko	Germain	Nicol
Bruseker	Hanson	Sapers
Carlson	Henry	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Hewes	Zwozdesky
Dalla-Longa		

Against the motion: 40

Ady	Gordon	McFarland
Amery	Haley	Mirosh
Beniuk	Havelock	Pham
Brassard	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Hierath	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Kowalski	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Tannas
Dinning	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	Lund	Thurber
Dunford	Magnus	Trynchy
Evans	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Doerksen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies aimed at reducing the over-utilization of, and therefore the demand on, the health care system, giving consideration to the following: increasing public awareness of the costs of the system; providing incentives through the health insurance plan to encourage responsible utilization of the system; using the health care premium as a deductible; and allowing for the rebate of any portion of the health insurance premium that is not used through access to the health care system.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Dunford speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Van Binsbergen speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Stony Plain) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 1062/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1063/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1064/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1065/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1066/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1067/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1068/96

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1069/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m., until Wednesday, May 15, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta's Walleye Management and Recovery Plan, Alberta Environmental Protection, Natural Resources Services, Fisheries Management Division, December 1995

Sessional Paper 1070/96

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, undated, from Helen Desmarais, St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding concerns about the state of health care, with 109 attached supporting signatures

Sessional Paper 1071/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Response to questions taken as notice during Oral Question Period, May 13, 1996, asked for by Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on the issues of health care transfer payments and health restructuring

Sessional Paper 1072/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Working with Communities to Develop Health Care We Can Trust, Report on the Liberal Caucus Dialogue on Health, 1996

Sessional Paper 1073/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter, dated May 15, 1996, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding medical services for Peter Jang

Sessional Paper 1074/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M195, M196, M197, M198, M199, M200, M202, M203, M204, M205, M209, M210, M212.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 215 Crown Grazing Lease Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Collingwood

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 214 Victims of Domestic Violence Act — Ms Hanson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:21 p.m. it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 32 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act 1996 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 37 ABC Benefits Corporation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Laing

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1075/96

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1076/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1077/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1078/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1079/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1080/96

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1081/96

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Stony Plain) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1082/96

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act,
1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Laing

Bill 32 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 36 Alberta Hospital Association Amendment Act 1996 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 37 ABC Benefits Corporation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:33 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 1996 until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16, 1996

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Answers to questions raised during Committee of Supply and Designated Supply Sub-committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Family and Social Services, March 15 and 18, 1996, respectively
Sessional Paper 1083/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report to the regular Meeting of the Board, Calgary Board of Education, May 14, 1996
Sessional Paper 1085/96

Press release, dated May 15, 1996, from the Dignity Foundation, entitled "Government's Further Amendments to Bill 24 Introduced Wednesday, May 15, 1996"
Sessional Paper 1084/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Official Program, Jazz City, Edmonton, June 28 to July 7, 1996
Sessional Paper 1086/96

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield:

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Level 1 Inspections Chart, January 1 to 31, 1996
Sessional Paper 1087/96

Today's Trucking article and chart, entitled "Roadcheck '95, Reporting Improves, But Results Still Troubling," September 1995, p. 21
Sessional Paper 1088/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Photocopy of petition from 127 residents of Cayley, Alberta, urging the Department of Municipal Affairs to reserve recommendation to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for an Order to dissolve the Village of Cayley
Sessional Paper 1089/96

Notice of public information meeting regarding Cayley Dissolution Study, Cayley International Order of Foresters Hall, March 18, 1996
Sessional Paper 1090/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated May 2, 1996, from Peter Hawker, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the beds per 1,000 ratio in the Capital Health Authority region
Sessional Paper 1091/96

Letter, undated, from Jean and Merv Rogers, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Canada Health Act, with attached related newspaper articles
Sessional Paper 1092/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, made a statement regarding the preservation of the Bow-Crow Forest and local development plans.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Peter Jang's battle with cancer and his need for specialized out-of-province medical care.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement announcing Palliative Care Week, May 12 to 19, 1996, and tabled the following document:

Palliative Care Association of Alberta newsletter, April 1996
Sessional Paper 1093/96

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, 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. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 21 to May 23, 1996:

- Tuesday, May 21 (4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 22 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Thursday, May 23 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 38 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery

Progress was reported on the following Bill with some amendments:

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1094/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 1095/96

Amendment to Bill 42 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 1096/96

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(a) regarding Victoria Day and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m., until Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 22, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: M195, M196, M197, M198, M202.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 45 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter, dated May 17, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, regarding statements made in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Jacques on May 16, 1996, relating to the protection of children and the making of criminal records a proscribed ground for discrimination

Sessional Paper 1097/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter, dated May 21, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to JoAnne James, Producer, Calgary International Children's Festival, offering congratulations to the Festival on the occasion of its 10th anniversary

Sessional Paper 1098/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Form 27, dated December 20, 1995, Ontario Securities Commission, regarding material changes under the Securities Act reported by Trac Industries Inc. relating to its purchase of 62 percent of the shares of Hotel de Health Inc. for \$1,200,000

Sessional Paper 1099/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding the Workers' Compensation Board and unsatisfied injured workers.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement announcing that on May 26, 1996, the Aga Khan Foundation will host its 12th annual Partnership Walk in Edmonton, Calgary and four other Canadian cities, in support of people in developing countries.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding National Access Awareness Week and the need for programs for the handicapped.

Privilege

Written notice having been given May 21, 1996, to Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, raised a purported point of Privilege regarding a letter he received May 17, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, relating to questions on discrimination against criminals Mr. Jacques asked of Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Oral Question Period, May 16, 1996.

The Speaker advised the Assembly that the matter would be deferred until Mr. Dickson could respond.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 215 Crown Grazing Lease Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Collingwood

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Dr. Taylor speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Doerksen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies aimed at reducing the over-utilization of, and therefore the demand on, the health care system, giving consideration to the following: increasing public awareness of the costs of the system; providing incentives through the health insurance plan to encourage responsible utilization of the system; using the health care premium as a deductible; and allowing for the rebate of any portion of the health insurance premium that is not used through access to the health care system.

A debate followed.

After 54 minutes of debate, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 8(4). The question being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

513. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement the suggestions contained in reports tabled in the House by the Government and by the Official Opposition concerning improvements to the handling of young offenders in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Coutts speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee — continued)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 43 Election Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Hierath

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996
— Mr. Hlady

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1100/96

Amendment to Bill 43 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1101/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1102/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1103/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1104/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1105/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1106/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1107/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1108/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1109/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 1110/96

Notices of Motions

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Notices of Motions.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1994, shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Gordon	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Calahasen	Jacques	Renner
Clegg	Kowalski	Shariff
Coutts	Laing	Tannas
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 7

Dalla-Longa	Kirkland	Sekulic
Dickson	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Germain		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Child and Family Services Authorities Act — Mr. Shariff

Bill 31 Business Financial Assistance Limitations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 33 Victims of Crime Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Langevin

Bill 38 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 43 Election Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Hierath

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:33 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 1996, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 339 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to provide instructional grant funding equally to Grade 1 to Grade 12 students attending independent and public schools.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to maintain Catholic School Boards and oppose any move to amalgamate Catholic and Public School Boards.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from over 2,000 Albertans regarding Kristy Plotsky, Seven Persons, Alberta, not being eligible for double-listing on heart transplant lists in both Canada and the United.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Curriculum Handbook, Education and Technology Resources Center, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, Virginia, 1996

Sessional Paper 1111/96

Calgary Herald newspaper articles, dated May 22, 1996, entitled "Language of protest, Heritage schools are battling to restore their provincial grants," and "Language schools fuel economy"

Sessional Paper 1112/96

Letters, variously dated and signed, from supporters of the Southern Alberta Language Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding funding for Heritage Language Education

Sessional Paper 1113/96

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M178 asked for by Mrs. Hewes on March 20, 1996:

Copies of all working documents, correspondence, and recommendations written by the Alberta Government's Interdepartmental Committee on Human Rights that pertain to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for the period January 1, 1991, through to December 31, 1993.

Sessional Paper M178/96

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont:

190 letters, variously dated and signed, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, regarding the Federal Task Force January 1995 proposed child support formula

Sessional Paper 1114/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated April 18, 1996, from Nursing Staff, Alberta Hospital Edmonton, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, regarding concern for the Government's policy on health care delivery, with attached petition

Sessional Paper 1115/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, filed the following:

Letter, dated May 22, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Brian Smith, Leduc, confirming the Government's position not to approve any health care project that contravenes the five principles of the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 1116/96

Privilege

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, raised a purported point of Privilege regarding a letter he received May 17, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, relating to questions on discrimination against criminals Mr. Jacques asked of Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Oral Question Period, May 16, 1996.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, responded to the purported point of Privilege.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement.

Speaker's Ruling — Amendment to Government Motion 18

Last evening, May 21, 1996, oral notice was given by the Hon. Government House Leader of the motion for closure in Committee of the Whole on Bill 24. The Chair notes that this marks the first time that notice of a closure motion has appeared on the Order Paper since the Standing Orders were amended effective February 14, 1995. Members will note that Standing Order 21(1)(b) was amended at the time to include the phrase, "immediately after resuming a debate upon which progress has previously been reported by the committee." The change to the Standing Orders requires a slight change to the standard closure motion. To ensure that Motion 18 is consistent with the Standing Orders, the Chair wishes to advise the Assembly that a slight editorial change will be made to the motion to insert the words "when called" after the first use of the word "shall" which appears after the title of the Bill. Of course, the reference to the title of the Bill should read "Individual's Rights Protection Act, 1996" not "1994". The Chair's authority to make changes to proposed motions is referred to in Beauchesne's paragraph 173 (3). Given the importance of this motion, the Chair wanted to draw this matter to the attention of Members at the earliest opportunity.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M195. Moved by Mr. Kirkland on behalf of Mr. Collingwood:

Copies of any reports by TransAlta Energy Corporation or TransAlta Utilities Corporation to the Department of Environmental Protection between January 1 and December 31, 1995 concerning the timing and volume of water release from dams controlled by either corporation.

M197. Moved by Mr. Germain on behalf of Mr. Collingwood:

A list of all Government programs for controlling pests and predators on public lands, together with the associated implementation policies and the name of the department and branch responsible for carrying out the control.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

M196. Moved by Kirkland on behalf of Mr. Collingwood:

Copies of any agreements between TransAlta Energy Corporation or TransAlta Utilities Corporation and any irrigation district supplied to the Department of Environmental Protection from January 1, 1990 to March 31, 1996 regarding the regulation of water release from dams controlled by either corporation.

M198. Moved by Mr. Sekulic on behalf of Dr. Percy:

A copy of the December 16, 1985 letter from the Chairman of the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation to the Minister of Environmental Protection, as referred to on page 24 of the Auditor General's Annual Report, 1994-95.

M202. Moved by Mr. Sekulic on behalf of Dr. Percy:

Copies of all working documents, memorandum and studies prepared by or for the Minister of Environmental Protection between March 30, 1989 and December 31, 1992 resulting in the decision to defer the June 1989 review of the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation Joint Venture Agreement until 1992, as noted on page 27 of the Auditor General's Annual Report, 1994-95.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M199, M200, M203, M204, M205, M209, M210, M212, M213.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 215 Crown Grazing Lease Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Collingwood

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(a)(i), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 216 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 45 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

18. Oral notice having been given May 21, 1996, Hon. Mr. Day, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 18 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:03 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, as found in Sessional Paper 1146/96, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 18 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:04 a.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the clauses: 35

Ady	Fritz	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Paszkowski
Burgener	Havelock	Renner
Calahasen	Hierath	Rostad
Cardinal	Hlady	Shariff
Coutts	Jacques	Smith
Day	Laing	Stelmach
Dinning	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	Magnus	Trynchy
Dunford	Mar	Woloshyn
Evans	McClellan	Yankowsky
Friedel	McFarland	

Against the clauses: 19

Abdurahman	Henry	Sekulic
Bracko	Kirkland	Soetaert
Chadi	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Nicol	White
Dickson	Percy	Zariwny
Germain	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Hanson		

And after some further time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery
- Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans
- Bill 45 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar
Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg
Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley
Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Mr. Langevin, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1117/96

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1118/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1119/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1120/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1121/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1122/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1123/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1124/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1125/96

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1126/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned (See Sessional Paper 1134/96)

Sessional Paper 1127/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1128/96

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1129/96

Amendment to Bill 42 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1130/96

Amendment to Bill 42 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1131/96

Amendment to Bill 42 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1132/96

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1133/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1134/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1135/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1136/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1137/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1138/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1139/96

Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1140/96

- Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1141/96
- Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1142/96
- Amendment to Bill 30 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1143/96
- Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Stony Plain) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1144/96
- Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1145/96
- Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert)
— Defeated
Sessional Paper 1146/96

Third Reading

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(2) allowing for Third reading consideration of Bill 45, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 29 Employment Standards Code — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg
- Bill 35 Personal Directives Act — Ms Haley
- Bill 42 Wildlife Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Amery
- Bill 45 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:44 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 1996, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, presented a petition from 972 Albertans regarding proposed changes to Highway 2 south of Red Deer.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to treat Grade 1 to 12 students attending independent schools the same as public school students, in regard to instructional grant funding.

On request by Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to maintain Catholic school boards and to oppose any move to amalgamate Catholic and public school boards.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Keyano College, Annual Report 1994-95

Sessional Paper 1147/96

Alberta College of Art and Design, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 1148/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated May 16, 1996, from Doreen Spence, Canadian Indigenous Women's Resource Institute, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Human Rights Commission and letter dated June 28, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Doreen Spence, Canadian Indigenous Women's Resource Institute, regarding her work for the re-election campaign of the Hon. Premier in Calgary-Elbow

Sessional Paper 1149/96

Letter, undated, from Georgia Black, Chair, Outreach Committee, Scarborough United Church, Calgary, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 1150/96

Letter, dated May 17, 1996, from Martin Bell, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 1151/96

Letter, dated May 16, 1996, from Kathy Fyfe, Executive Director, Epilepsy Association of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 24, Individual's Right Protection Amendment Act, 1996
Sessional Paper 1152/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Letter, dated May 6, 1996, from Marielis Zielke, President, German-Canadian Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the elimination of funding to Heritage Language Schools
Sessional Paper 1153/96

Letter to the editor, Edmonton Journal, May 21, 1996, from Rosemarie Nahnybida, Sherwood Park, regarding multiculturalism
Sessional Paper 1154/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated May 23, 1996, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Professor Peter Lown, Director, Alberta Law Reform Institute, clarifying that a document referred to during Oral Question Period May 22, 1996, by Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, was attributed to the Alberta Law Reform Institute and should have been attributed to the Health Law Institute
Sessional Paper 1155/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Family and Social Services, announced that May 25, 1996, is International Missing Children's Day.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the move of the Grace Health Centre services to women to the Foothills Hospital site in Calgary-Bow.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the duties of Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government with respect to debate on Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, and on health care.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding health care restructuring and the needs of inner city Calgary.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice that when the Assembly adjourns today it shall do so pursuant to Government Motion No. 15, passed April 3, 1996.

Speaker's Ruling — Question of Privilege, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti

On Tuesday, May 21, 1996, the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti raised a question of Privilege. The basis for the question of Privilege is a letter dated May 17, 1996 that the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti received from the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo. The Chair invited the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti to briefly state his question of Privilege and then the Chair deferred further discussion on the matter until yesterday, May 22, 1996, so as to allow the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo to properly respond to the matter. The Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo presented their respective arguments yesterday. The Hon. Minister for Justice and the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray also spoke to the question of Privilege.

As a preliminary matter, the Chair finds that the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity and that sufficient notice was provided pursuant to Standing Order 15(2).

The letter from the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo deals with an issue that was raised in the Assembly on May 16, 1996. On that day, the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti asked the Hon. Minister of Justice during Question Period whether the Minister would confirm that he would not bring forward legislation to

protect convicted criminals as suggested by the Liberal Opposition. The Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo took exception to the question and raised it as a point of order. The Chair ruled that there was no point of order, only a point of clarification.

The matter did not, however, end there. On May 17, 1996, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo faxed a letter to the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti demanding an apology. The last two paragraphs of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo's letter are at the heart of the question of Privilege. Those two paragraphs read as follows:

"I respect your right of free speech but I cannot ignore your outrageous comments. I request that you forthwith apologize for the defamatory statements you made on May 16, 1996. Failure to do so will result in further action without notice to you. Please govern yourself accordingly."

The basis of the question of Privilege brought by the Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti is that the letter is a threat and a form of intimidation.

In a technical sense, an obstruction or the attempted intimidation of a Member is considered to be a contempt of the House and not a breach of Privilege. However, since these matters are closely related, they are often considered to be a breach of Privilege.

The classic statement on contempt is found in Erskine May (21st. edition) at 115 where it is stated:

"Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such house in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt."

Griffith and Ryle, in their book *Parliament: Functions, Practice and Procedures* state the following at page 92:

"Such obstruction or impedance is essentially restricting freedom of speech in the House (for example by intimidation of those who might speak) or freedom of its proceedings."

Erskine May at 126 clearly states that:

"To molest Members on account of their conduct in Parliament is also a contempt."

Examples of molestation constituting contempt are "correspondence with Members of an insulting character in reference to their conduct in Parliament" and "threatening a Member with the possibility of trial at some future time for a question asked in the House."

Threatening a Member is clearly a contempt or a breach of Privilege in Alberta. Section 10(2)(b) of the Legislative Assembly Act lists as one of the acts that constitutes a contempt or a breach of Privilege

- (b) obstructing, threatening or attempting to force or intimidate a Member in any matter relating to his office.

One may think the references cited above contemplate threats made against Members only from persons outside of the Assembly. However, in the past this Chair has ruled that serious threats made by a Member against another Member are also forms of contempt. The Hon. Member for Fort McMurray stated that it would not be a breach of Privilege if, for example, one Member were to say to another Member "if you don't stop talking, I'll cut off another kilometre of pavement". The Hon. Member is incorrect on this issue. On September 23, 1993 (Hansard 463), the Chair ruled that threats made by a Minister about action that might be taken in response to another Member's statements or actions constituted a prima facie case of contempt. Of course, the matter did not proceed as the Minister withdrew his remarks.

The Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo stated that his letter was not intended as a threat that he would commence any action outside of the Assembly. Rather, it was only intended to put the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti on notice that the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo would resort to whichever Standing Orders are available to allow him to challenge what he felt were false and misleading statements unless the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti apologized. If that is what the Hon. Member intended then he should have stated that clearly in his letter. Given that the Member had already raised a point of order, the Chair cannot imagine what further action could have been taken in the House. This reinforces the view that the reference to taking further action meant taking action outside of the Assembly. The Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti believes that the words constituted a threat.

The Chair recognizes that there may be some ambiguity over what is meant by the words "failure to do so will result in further action" but this is fairly well known legal language which includes the possibility of initiating a court action. This is especially so when the author of the letter is a senior lawyer. As the Hon. Minister of Justice put it, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo's letter is a formal demand. It implies to any lawyer that further action will be taken, normally civil action.

In making his case, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo also referred to Joseph Maingot's text on Parliamentary Privilege in Canada, and in particular a passage on page 13 which reads as follows:

"To constitute "privilege" generally there must be some improper obstruction to the member in performing his parliamentary work in either a direct or constructive way, as opposed to mere expression of public opinion or of criticisms of the activities of the members (for example, threatening a member for what he said in debate, contemptuous reflections on members, allegations

of improper conduct during a proceeding in Parliament, or allegations that a chairman was biased)."

The Hon. Member suggests that what this passage says is that a threat to a Member for what he says in debate from another Member is not a point of Privilege, but only a point of order. In the Chair's view, it says just the opposite - that behaviour such as threatening a Member for what he says in debate is an example of a breach of Privilege and not merely an expression of public opinion.

The Chair is rather disheartened by this whole matter, especially since this Assembly recently dealt with a similar issue involving an individual outside this Assembly who threatened to bring legal action against the Leader of the Official Opposition for comments made in the Assembly. The Chair also finds repugnant the whole idea of Members writing to other Members to complain about what was said in the House. If a Member has a valid objection to what is said then raise a point of order. Matters arising in the House should be settled in the House. In this instance, there can be no excuse that the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo is not well-versed on the subject of Privilege. After reviewing all the material and arguments, the Chair finds that the letter written by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo constituted a threat to the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti which amounts to a contempt.

Accordingly the Chair finds that there is a prima facie question of Privilege. Pursuant to Standing order 15(6), if the Speaker rules that there is a prima facie case of breach of Privilege, any Member may give notice of a motion to deal with the matter further. But the Chair would also add that a complete and unequivocal apology by the Hon. Member will invariably close the matter without the necessity of doing anything further.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, apologized for the letter in question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the debate on Third reading of Bill 24, the Individual's Rights Protection Act, 1996, shall not be further adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, moved that the motion be amended by striking out everything after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, not be read a Third time because the Government has not demonstrated that the legislation will protect human rights for all Albertans or promote and maintain multiculturalism in the province.

Debate continued (on amendment).

During debate Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, filed the following:

Guardian article, entitled "No Place for Little Girls"

Sessional Paper 1156/96

Memo from Hon. Mr. Day to all Members of the Legislative Assembly with attached poem on the occasion of him becoming a grandfather

Sessional Paper 1157/96

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:35 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 16

Abdurahman	Kirkland	Sekulic
Bracko	Leibovici	Soetaert
Collingwood	Mitchell	White
Dickson	Percy	Zariwny
Henry	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Hewes		

Against the amendment: 38

Amery	Gordon	McFarland
Beniuk	Haley	Mirosh
Brassard	Havelock	Renner
Burgener	Herard	Rostad
Calahasen	Hierath	Shariff
Cardinal	Hlady	Smith
Clegg	Jacques	Stelmach
Coutts	Jonson	Taylor
Day	Laing	Thurber
Doerksen	Langevin	West
Forsyth	Lund	Woloshyn
Friedel	Magnus	Yankowsky
Fritz	Mar	

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:47 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third of Bill 24, Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 39 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1996 —
Mr. Hlady

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2) and Government Motion No. 15 agreed to by the Assembly April 3, 1996, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

FALL SITTING

AUGUST 14, 1996 TO AUGUST 27, 1996

Wednesday, August 14, 1996

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

Introduction of New Member

The Deputy Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Redwater containing the results of the by-election conducted May 21, 1996 in the constituency and the said report further shows that Mary Anne Balsillie was duly elected as the Member for Redwater.

Mrs. Balsillie joined Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Mr. Mitchell presented Mrs. Balsillie to the Deputy Speaker, and the Hon. Member for Redwater took her seat in the Assembly.

Also, Mr. Speaker introduced to Hon. Members, Ms Shannon Dean, new Parliamentary Counsel.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,938 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 3,886 Lethbridge residents regarding the Gaming and Liquor Control Act allowing the transportation of open liquor bottles in vehicles.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 2,448 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 1,905 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,870 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 1,869 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 1,513 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 704 Calgarians regarding hospital closures in Calgary and an independent public inquiry on health facilities.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 1,249 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 247 Albertans regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mrs. Balsillie, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 1,700 Calgarians regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, presented a petition from 189 Calgarians regarding hospital closures in Calgary and an independent public inquiry on health facilities.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 1,700 Calgarians and Albertans regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill tomorrow, Thursday, August 15, 1996:

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need for an interim budget to adequately fund health care in Alberta given that the Minister of Health has admitted that the Government has cut too much funding from the current health care budget which has resulted in unnecessary suffering and death.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government to create a special non-partisan review board to investigate the damage done by budget cuts and government policy to the health care system and make recommendations for remedial action.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Order in Council No. 357/96 - Gaming and Liquor Amendment Regulation
Sessional Paper 1158/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated July 4, 1996 from Calgary Mayor Al Duerr to the Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Bud McCaig, calling for an independent study of health services in Calgary

Sessional Paper 1159/96

Dr. L. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report, 1995-96.

Sessional Paper 37/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letters from various writers and associations, variously dated and signed, to the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo regarding concerns about the closure of the Calgary General Hospital

Sessional Paper 1160/96

Coupons from 318 Calgarians calling for an immediate moratorium on all capital cost expenditures and hospital closures until there have been full public hearings

Sessional Paper 1161/96

Mr. Havelock, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Share Sale Agreement dated July 12, 1996 between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta and Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and Bovar Technology Ltd. and Bovar Inc. and Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership and 542936 Alberta Ltd. and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1162/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Letter, dated April 2, 1996, from Alderman Bob Hawkesworth to Paul Rushforth, Chief Executive Officer, requesting information on the rationale for closure of the Calgary General Hospital and Holy Cross Hospital

Sessional Paper 1163/96

Letter, dated May 8, 1996, from Alderman John Schmal to Paul Rushforth, Chief Executive Officer, requesting a breakdown of the Calgary Regional Health Authority's costs to renovate the Calgary General Hospital rather than close it

Sessional Paper 1164/96

Document, dated May 16, 1996, written by Calgary City Aldermen Mr. Bob Hawkesworth, Joe Chichi and John Schmal, entitled "The Calgary General Hospital: A Time for a Considered Second Thought"

Sessional Paper 1165/96

Letter, dated June 5, 1996, from Alderman John Schmal to Bud McCaig, Chairman, Calgary Regional Health Authority, concerning the definition of the Calgary Regional Health Authority for the term "immediate care"

Sessional Paper 1166/96

Letter, dated June 6, 1996, from Alderman John Schmal to Bud McCaig, Chairman, Calgary Regional Health Authority, requesting why the freeze on hospital construction was removed that allowed \$100 million of construction to occur in three Calgary hospitals

Sessional Paper 1167/96

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, dated July 22, 1996, from Pearl Zacharko to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the deterioration of health services

Sessional Paper 1168/96

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Submission, dated May 7 and 8, 1996, from The Alumnae Association of the Calgary General Hospital regarding a moratorium on the proposed closure of the Calgary General Hospital

Sessional Paper 1169/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Guest column from Dr. Thomas Rich regarding Calgary acute care hospitals and inner city needs

Sessional Paper 1170/96

Letter to the editor of the Calgary Herald from Howard McEwen regarding Calgary acute care hospitals

Sessional Paper 1171/96

Statement, undated, from M. Eileen Teslenka regarding the deterioration of health care services

Sessional Paper 1172/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, from Phyllis McNally on behalf of the Calgary Kerby Senior Centre, requesting that the Calgary General Hospital be kept open

Sessional Paper 1173/96

Statement, dated September, 1995, entitled "Changes in the Alberta Health Care System, by Sabine Joffe of Calgary, regarding an analysis of the problems in health care

Sessional Paper 1174/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Document, dated May/June, 1996, entitled "Downtown Hospital, Calgary General Hospital, Savings: 1994" regarding ambulance, access, emergency, cost effectiveness and purpose of the Calgary General Hospital

Sessional Paper 1175/96

Article, dated May, 1995, by Dr. Dennis Linden, entitled "A Critical Appraisal of the CRHA Budget..." regarding cost comparisons and budgeting within the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1176/96

Edmonton Journal article by Ed Struzik entitled, "Rural MDs see more strain, less income"

Sessional Paper 1177/96

Calgary Herald article dated May 12, 1996, by Wendy Dudley regarding shortages of doctors in rural areas

Sessional Paper 1178/96

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Open letter, dated May 26, 1996, from Dr. Thomas Rich regarding acute care hospitals and inner city needs

Sessional Paper 1179/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter, dated May 12, 1996, from Alderman John Schmal to Bud McCaig, Chairman, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding capital expenditures proposed by the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1180/96

Letter, dated May 15, 1996, from Ann Kurpe to Bob Nicholson, CBC Television, regarding lack of public input and capital expenditures proposed by the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1181/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Submission, prepared by Gordon M. Christie, May 7, 1996, to the Hearings on Proposed Closure of the Calgary General Hospital, Calgary District Labour Council

Sessional Paper 1182/96

Letter, dated March 8, 1996, from Anita Mitzner, President of Local 115 of the United Nurses of Alberta to John R. McCaig, Chairman, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding participation by bedside nurses with regards to restructuring of the health care system in Calgary

Sessional Paper 1183/96

Article, dated February, 1995, from Region 4 Health Services Information Publication, entitled "CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) representatives meet with union groups to discuss impacts of health reform"

Sessional Paper 1184/96

Two fact sheets prepared by the "Keep the General Committee" regarding why Calgary General Hospital should remain open

Sessional Paper 1185/96

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter, dated May 26, 1996, from Dr. Thomas Rich regarding acute care hospitals and inner city needs

Sessional Paper 1186/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Article by concerned citizens of Calgary and the Medical Staff Association of Calgary General Hospital, regarding facts about cost effectiveness of keeping the Calgary General Hospital open

Sessional Paper 1187/96

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Journal article, dated August 13, 1996, by Staff writer, Ed Struzik, regarding concerns of the Professional Advisory Committee at the University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 1188/96

Letter, dated February 20, 1996, from (name deleted to protect privacy) to Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding treatment at an Edmonton Hospital

Sessional Paper 1189/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Statement, dated August 8, 1996, of Mrs. Woloshyniuk, and statement on behalf of her five-year-old daughter, Christy, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1190/96

Statement, dated July 25, 1996, of Bert and Ingeborg Wagner regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system and, letter of response dated August 8, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Brian Lemon, Chair, Capital Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1191/96

Statement, dated April 23, 1996, of Mrs. Charolette Campbell regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system, and letter of response dated April 29, 1996 from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Brian Lemon, Chair, Capital Health Authority, and letter dated May 15, 1996 from Sheila Weatherill, Vice-President, Community Care and Public Health to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 1192/96

Statement, dated April 17, 1996, of Ms. Tamblyn and her father regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system, and letter of response dated April 17, 1996 from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Brian Lemon, Chair, Capital Health Authority, and letter dated May 28, 1996 from Dennis W. Jirsch, Vice-President and Chief Clinical Officer

Sessional Paper 1193/96

Statement, dated February 23, 1996, of an individual and his wife regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1194/96

Statement, dated August 14, 1996, of a 75-year-old constituent regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1195/96

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Article, dated July 31, 1996, from the St. Albert & Sturgeon Gazette, regarding the state of health care

Sessional Paper 1196/96

Article, dated August 3, 1996, from the St. Albert & Sturgeon Gazette, entitled "Angry MDs to Study Region's Health Crisis", regarding the state of health care

Sessional Paper 1197/96

Editorial, dated August 7, 1996, from the St. Albert & Sturgeon Gazette, entitled "Gagging our doctors won't solve anything"

Sessional Paper 1198/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Statement about Gian Barrich

Sessional Paper 1199/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Canadian Press article, dated August 3, 1996, entitled "Doctors to start 'leak of the week'"

Sessional Paper 1200/96

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Edmonton Journal article, dated August 13, 1996, by Rick Pedersen, entitled "Things fell through the cracks,' doctor says"

Sessional Paper 1201/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter, dated June 9, 1996, from medical professionals at Leduc Hospital to the Hon. Minister of Health requesting intervention of the Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 1202/96

Letter, dated May 24, 1996, from Leduc Mayor John Jackie to Crossroads Regional Health Authority, expressing alarm at staff reduction at Leduc Hospital

Sessional Paper 1203/96

Letter, undated, from Faye Brown to Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1204/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Chronology of Mr. Harry Baggot's wife regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1205/96

Chronology of Mr. John Bouchard regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1206/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter, dated June 4, 1995, from Mr. Bruce Eddy to the Minister of Health regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1207/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated August 7, 1996, from Dennis W. Jirsch to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding a constituent's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1208/96

Chronology, dated July 16, 1996, concerning Jack DeBolt, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1209/96

Letter, dated July 31, 1996, from Terry Wagner to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system by her husband

Sessional Paper 1210/96

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Edmonton Journal article, by Rick Pedersen, dated August 14, 1996, entitled "Family forced to leave mom at hospital"

Sessional Paper 1211/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter, dated July 17, 1996, published in the Edmonton Journal, from Michael and Kelley Thompson, regarding difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1212/96

Letter, dated July 10, 1996, from Cam Eddy to Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, regarding difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1213/96

Letter, dated August 7, 1996, from Bonnie Cessford to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1214/96

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville:

Edmonton Journal article, dated July 29, 1996, by Ed Struzik and James Stevenson entitled, "Crisis seen as rural MDs quit"

Sessional Paper 1215/96

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield:

Edmonton Journal article, dated June 16, 1996, by David Howell entitled, "Frustrated psychiatrist set to quit"

Sessional Paper 1216/96

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Calgary Sun article, dated August 2, 1996, by Steve Chase entitled, "Docs plan to covet PR fight"

Sessional Paper 1217/96

Mrs. Balsillie, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Letter, undated, from an elderly constituent describing difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1218/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter, dated April 25, 1996, from Mr. Ulmer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the state of health care

Sessional Paper 1219/96

Letter, dated May 1, 1996, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Lindi, to the Minister of Health, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1220/96

Letter, dated May 21, 1996, from Eveline M. Huff to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1221/96

Mr. Chadi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Roper:

Edmonton Sun article dated August 12, 1996 by Michelle Nicholson entitled, "Departing doc fears for patients"

Sessional Paper 1222/96

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Edmonton Journal article, dated August 2, 1996, by Tom Arnold and David Howell entitled "Health crisis answers urged"

Sessional Paper 1223/96

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-4.01:

Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, Final Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 1995-96 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, June, 1996

Sessional Paper 1224/96

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5 s61:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 6/96

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Fax, undated, from Bev Exelby, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system
Sessional Paper 1225/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of the Hon. Premier, made a statement acknowledging the success of Alberta-based athletes who were part of Canada's team at the Centennial Olympics (1996) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, commented on the statement.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need for an interim budget to adequately fund health care in Alberta given that the Minister of Health has admitted that the Government has cut too much funding from the current health care budget which has resulted in unnecessary suffering and death.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government to create a special non-partisan review board to investigate the damage done by budget cuts and government policy to the health care system and make recommendations for remedial action.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved adjournment of the Assembly, which was not agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

Balsillie	Hanson	Sapers
Bracko	Henry	Sekulic
Bruseker	Hewes	Soetaert
Carlson	Kirkland	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Dickson	Percy	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 48

Ady	Forsyth	Mirosh
Amery	Fritz	Oberg
Beniuk	Gordon	Paszkowski
Black	Haley	Pham
Brassard	Havelock	Renner
Burgener	Herard	Rostad
Calahasen	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Hlady	Shariff
Clegg	Jacques	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Kowalski	Taylor
Dinning	Laing	Thurber
Doerksen	Lund	Trynchy
Dunford	Magnus	West
Evans	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fischer	McFarland	Yankowsky

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M199, M200, M203, M204, M205, M209, M210, M212, M213, M214.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 216 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1) to move the following motion:

22. Be it resolved that Standing Order 49(2)(f) be amended by striking out "15" and substituting "9" and that this amendment take effect on the date that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act (SA 1996, cA-27.01) is proclaimed into force.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1) to move the following motion:

23. Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:
 - on the Special Standing Committee on Member Services, that Mr. Stelmach replace Mr. Woloshyn as Deputy Chairman and that Mr. Severtson replace Mr. Stelmach;
 - on the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, that Mr. Stelmach replace Mr. Woloshyn; and

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on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Havelock replace Ms. Calahasen and that Mr. Renner replace Mr. McFarland.

Be it further resolved that on the date the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act (SA 1996, cA-27.01) is proclaimed into force, the present members of the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act be replaced with the following 9 (nine) members:

Mr. Dunford, Chairman
Mr. Doerksen, Deputy Chairman
Ms Carlson
Mrs. Forsyth
Mr. Havelock
Mr. Langevin
Dr. Percy
Mr. Sekulic
Mr. Shariff

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Second reading consideration of Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Thursday, August 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 670 Calgaryans regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, presented a petition from 320 Cardston and area residents regarding changes to the 1995-1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission report in respect of the proposed Cardston-Taber constituency.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, presented a petition from 146 residents of Stavely, Alberta, and area, regarding changes to the 1995-1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission report in respect of the proposed Livingston-Macleod constituency.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from Edmonton residents urging the government to maintain universal Medicare.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 291 Albertans requesting the government to develop a drug approval process related to HIV/AIDS.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to repeal the Section of Order in Council 319/96 which allows for the transportation of open liquor bottles in a vehicle, as we feel that this regulation makes it too easy for individuals to drink while driving and will unduly increase the incidence of accidents causing death and injury to Albertans.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, that a petition he presented yesterday be read and received, a related petition was read in error. The petition of the Member for Calgary-Buffalo was not in order to be read and received.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document entitled "Tory Deficits Leading to Health Care Crisis... "
Sessional Paper 1226/96

Letter, dated April 16, 1996, from Dr. M. G. Elleker, Chair, Medical Staff Advisory Board, Capital Health Authority, regarding the Board's obligation to ensure quality care at University of Alberta Hospital
Sessional Paper 1227/96

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Financial Statements, March 31, 1996, Office of the Auditor General, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Sessional Paper 24A/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta Treasury Branches Board of Director's By-Law No. 2 relating to conflicts of interest and loans to Directors and Officers of Alberta Treasury Branches, approved by the Board of Directors of Alberta Treasury Branches June 14, 1996, approved by the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta July 17, 1996
Sessional Paper 1228/96

First Quarter Update, 1996-97 Quarterly Budget Report, Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 1229/96

Alberta Treasury Branches 58th Annual Report, 1996
Sessional Paper 1230/96

Report of the Audit Committee, pursuant to the Deficit Elimination Act, cD-6.5 s8, regarding consolidated financial statements of the Province of Alberta for the year ended March 31, 1996
Sessional Paper 1231/96

Report on Building a Strong Foundation, Annual Report of the Government of Alberta, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 1232/96

Second Annual Report on the performance of the Government of Alberta,
Measuring Up, 1995-96 Results

Sessional Paper 1233/96

Consolidated Financial Statements, Government of Alberta Telephones
Commission, December 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 1234/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated August 9, 1996, from Dr. J. Guy Gokiert, President, Alberta
Medical Association, regarding concerns faced by medical staff in the Capital
Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1235/96

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter, dated July 30, 1996, from Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Manning, to the Premier, regarding the need for a Northeast Edmonton
Community Health Centre

Sessional Paper 1236/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Letter, dated July 10, 1996, from Village of Glenwood Mayor Doral L.
Lybbert, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, regarding Alberta's electoral
boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1237/96

Letter, dated July 8, 1996, from Village of Springhill Mayor Lloyd Kunkel, to
the Electoral Boundaries Commission, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries
redistribution

Sessional Paper 1238/96

Letter, dated July 12, 1996, from Mel Cottle, Superintendent of Schools,
Westwind Regional Division #9, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission,
regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1239/96

Letter, dated July 12, 1996, from M. Vern Quinton, Municipal Administrator,
Municipal District of Cardston No. 6, to Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced
Education and Career Development, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries
redistribution

Sessional Paper 1240/96

Twenty-First Annual Report, Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer,
April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 1241/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Article, dated January 22, 1995, Calgary Sun, entitled "Klein says cutbacks not at fault in death"

Sessional Paper 1242/96

Article, dated March 4, 1995, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Girl endures severe pain as surgery twice delayed"

Sessional Paper 1243/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Article, dated August 12, 1995, entitled "...with health care? 'Absolutely none'"

Sessional Paper 1244/96

Article, dated July 19, 1995, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Klein defends talk of two-tiered medicine"

Sessional Paper 1245/96

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Article, dated February 9, 1995, Edmonton Sun, entitled "Too many hospitals--Grits"

Sessional Paper 1246/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Article, dated March 12, 1995, entitled "Tory MLA questions Klein's health care cuts"

Sessional Paper 1247/96

Article, undated, entitled "Be cautious with health reforms -- Langevin"

Sessional Paper 1248/96

Mrs. Balsillie, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Article, dated May 30, 1993, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Klein looks to bingo to ease cuts"

Sessional Paper 1249/96

Transcript, dated August 14, 1996, from CHED Radio, Edmonton, regarding comments by Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley

Sessional Paper 1250/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Article, dated September 21, 1995, Edmonton Sun, entitled "Recovery Room!"

Sessional Paper 1251/96

Article, dated January 13, 1996, Calgary Herald, entitled "Lack of information on health restructuring angers MLA"

Sessional Paper 1252/96

Transcript, dated August 16, 1995, of radio interview of Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, by Dave Rutherford

Sessional Paper 1253/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Calgary Sun article, dated May 1, 1994, entitled "Absentee Judge gets flak"

Sessional Paper 1254/96

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville:

Alberta Hansard, February 22, 1995, p. 163, regarding statements made by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, concerning medical transportation

Sessional Paper 1255/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Article, undated, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Health cut too quickly - Jonson"

Sessional Paper 1256/96

Article, dated August 16, 1994, Calgary Herald, entitled "Klein blames hospital workers for health-care risks"

Sessional Paper 1257/96

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Article, undated, regarding Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 1258/96

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Article, dated September 26, 1995, Barrhead Leader, entitled "Kowalski slams province for poor health planning"

Sessional Paper 1259/96

Article, dated September 19, 1995, entitled "Klein prescribes health care remedy"

Sessional Paper 1260/96

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield:

Article, dated 10/2/95, entitled "Health system as good as ever"

Sessional Paper 1261/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Statement, dated August 15, 1996, regarding a rural resident's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1262/96

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter, dated August 1, 1996, from Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding home care for Ann Nelson

Sessional Paper 1263/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Statement, dated February 15, 1996, from an Edmonton resident regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1264/96

Statement, dated January 26, 1996, regarding a Red Deer resident's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1265/96

Statement, dated January 19, 1996, regarding a constituent's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1266/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated August 15, 1996, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to the Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1267/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Case study of a young woman's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1268/96

Case study of an elderly constituent's difficulties with a long term care facility

Sessional Paper 1269/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated January 30, 1996, from Sam S. Schock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1270/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter to the editor, undated, from Donna Halprin, Trail, B.C., regarding difficulties her mother experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1271/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated August 7, 1996, from Bonnie Cessford to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties her mother experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1272/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter, dated April 24, 1996, from Arlene Tough to Linda Callioux, Administrator, Leduc Health Centre, regarding difficulties her mother-in-law experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1273/96

Letter, undated, from Bonnie Horton and Barb Schofield to Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, regarding their father's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1274/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter, dated February 21, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Campbell Miller, Chairperson, Capital Health Authority, regarding difficulties experienced by Betty Fox-Hames with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1275/96

Chronology concerning Mrs. Palachuk mother's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1276/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement congratulating Alberta's Olympic Athletes.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the death of Marjorie Darby and funding reductions to the health care system.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding consultations between the Senior Citizens Advisory Council and senior citizens in Grande Prairie.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of August 19 to August 22, 1996:

Monday, August 19 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1996

Committee of the Whole

Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act

Bill 41, Water Act

Second Reading

Bill 49, Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**Supplementary Supply Estimates,
Day 1**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading****Committee of the Whole** or**Third Reading**

As per Order Paper

Tuesday, August 20

(4:30 p.m.) - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading****Committee of the Whole** or**Third Reading**

As per Order Paper

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**Supplementary Supply Estimates,
Day 2**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading****Committee of the Whole** or**Third Reading**

As per Order Paper

Revert to Introduction of BillsBill 48, Appropriation
(Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
(No. 2)

Wednesday, August 21	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 48, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper
Thursday, August 22	Aft.	- Committee of the Whole Bill 48, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) Third Reading As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable Administrator.

The Deputy Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates:

General Revenue Fund, 1996-97

Sessional Paper 1277/96

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Administrator, the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Black moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Acting Speaker's Statement

Earlier today under Reading and Receiving Petitions, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo requested that a petition he tabled yesterday be read and received. The petition that was presented by the Hon. Member for St. Albert was read instead. The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo concerning the Calgary General Hospital was not in order to be read and received.

The Chair apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until Monday, August 19, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, August 19, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 47 Calgarians urging the Government to suspend hospital closures in Calgary until completion of an independent public inquiry.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 24 Albertans regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to suspend hospital closures in Calgary, and immediately hold an independent public inquiry on health facilities in the city.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 225 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 221 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 222 Non-Smokers' Health Act — Dr. Oberg

Bill 223 Lobbyists Registration Act — Dr. Percy

Bill 224 Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Burgener

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

A Report on the Public Hearings on the Proposed Closure of the Calgary General Hospital, May 7 & 8, 1996, by Citizens Hearings on Health Care
Sessional Paper 1278/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

News Release and Backgrounders, dated August 19, 1996, regarding the Reinvestment Act
Sessional Paper 1279/96

Revenue Forecasting Review, A Report to Provincial Treasurer Jim Dinning, dated July 25, 1996, by the Revenue Forecasting Review Panel
Sessional Paper 1280/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Article, dated June 22, 1996, Calgary Herald, received from Janice E. Lamont, B.A., LL.B., entitled "What Price a Human Life, Mr. Dinning?"
Sessional Paper 1281/96

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Article, dated August 16, 1996, St. Albert This Week, entitled "Readers' Telepoll"
Sessional Paper 1282/96

Letter, dated March 15, 1996, from S. Elliott, R.N., P. Josey and J. Kopala, to Premier Ralph Klein, regarding Ann Kopala
Sessional Paper 1283/96

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Statement regarding remarks made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, appearing in Alberta Hansard, April 22, 1996, p. 1249
Sessional Paper 1284/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, dated December 4, 1995, from Carla Henderson to Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding displaced healthcare workers
Sessional Paper 1285/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Memorandum, dated August 19, 1996, entitled "Health Crisis in Alberta concerning Diane Dooley", from C.K., Ellerslie
Sessional Paper 1286/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

Graph showing cardiac surgeries April 1995 to May 1996
Sessional Paper 1287/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter, dated August 16, 1996, from Ireen Slater, S.W., to Hon. Mr. Jonson,
Minister of Health, regarding concerns with cutbacks in physiotherapy support
Sessional Paper 1288/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, undated, to the constituency office of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for
Edmonton-Glenora, from Anthony Heinrich regarding Mr. Heinrich's father.
Sessional Paper 1289/96

Record of Conversation, dated August 16, 1996, between Gisela and an
employee of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding
Gisela's husband's kidney cancer

Sessional Paper 1290/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Thurber, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement congratulating the Korea War Veterans Association of Canada on the occasion of its National Convention being held in Calgary August 23 - 25, 1996.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter, dated August 16, 1996, from David J. Descent to Mr. Bruseker, Hon.
Member for Calgary-North West, regarding the way in which the Loyal
Opposition has been conducting its business in the House
Sessional Paper 1291/96

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Second time:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, tabled the following:

Letter, dated July 29, 1996, from Robert Dion, Mayor, Town of Stavely, to Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, regarding a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Council held July 25, 1996, regarding changes to the 1995-96 Electoral Boundaries Commission report respecting the proposed Livingston-Macleod constituency.

Sessional Paper 1292/96

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates General Revenue 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Tuesday, August 20, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,307 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 62 St. Albert High School students regarding the maintenance of Catholic School Boards and opposing the amalgamation of Catholic School Boards and Public School Boards.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 106 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 207 Calgarians regarding the maintenance of a full complement of health services for veterans at the Colonel Belcher Hospital.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Southern Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to suspend hospital closures in Calgary, and immediately hold an independent public inquiry on health facilities in the city.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain Universal Medicare.

On request by Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain operation of the Bow Valley Centre with a 24 hour emergency service.

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to develop a drug approval process which reflects the rapid evolution of drug therapies in the battle against HIV/AIDS, and which reflects the urgency of health management needs of those living with HIV/AIDS.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, August 21, 1996:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: 199, 200, 203, 204 and 205.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M191 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 24, 1996:

Copies of all documentation disclosing the amount paid by the Department of Health for any moving expenses incurred by Jane Fulton or by the Department on behalf of Jane Fulton, pursuant to the Public Service Regulations, Chapter C, during the period March 1, 1995 to March 15, 1996.

Sessional Paper (191/96) 1293/96

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report, 1995

Sessional Paper 1294/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Grande Prairie Regional College, Annual Report, 1992-93 and Annual Report, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 1295/96

- Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:
Grande Prairie Regional College, Annual Report, 1994-95
Sessional Paper 1296/96
- Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:
Red Deer College, Annual Report, 1993-94
Sessional Paper 1297/96
- Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:
Fairview College, Annual Report, 1994-95
Sessional Paper 1298/96
- Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:
Lethbridge Community College, Annual Report, 1994-95
Sessional Paper 1299/96
- Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Annual Report, 1994-95
Sessional Paper 1300/96
- Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:
Letter, dated August 6, 1996, from Dorian Smith, Co-Chair, Glengarry
Community & Family Services, Inter Agency Committee on Spousal Abuse of
Women, and P. Garrett, Co-Chair, Wings of Providence Society, to Hon. Mr.
Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214,
Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes
Sessional Paper 1301/96
- Letter, dated August 12, 1996, from Catherine Bunton, Director of
Administration and Marketing, The Pastoral Institute of Edmonton, to Ms
Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, in support of Bill
214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act
Sessional Paper 1302/96
- Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:
Letter, dated July 10, 1996, from Barbara Shellian, President, Alberta
Association of Registered Nurses, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic
Violence Act, with recommended changes
Sessional Paper 1303/96
- Letter, dated July 23, 1996, from Joyce Tustian, General Manager,
Community & Family Services, Edmonton, Community and Family Services,
to Mr. Neil McCrank, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney
General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with
recommended changes
Sessional Paper 1304/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Letter, dated July 24, 1996, from Susan Logan, Manager, Counselling Services, YWCA of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1305/96

Letter, dated August 3, 1996, from Patricia Bruns to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, opposing Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1306/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated July 31, 1996, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to The Honourable Lawrence MacAuley, Secretary of State for Veterans Affairs, regarding changes in services at the Colonel Belcher Hospital

Sessional Paper 1307/96

Letter, dated August 13, 1996, from Helen Soliman, Social Worker, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1308/96

Letter, dated August 13, 1996, from Dorothy Clancy to Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, opposing Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1309/96

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Publication, undated, by Alberta Public Health Association, entitled "Health for All Albertans" regarding illiteracy

Sessional Paper 1310/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Publication, reprinted from issues February 11-14, 1996, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, entitled "A Question of Skill" regarding hospital staff

Sessional Paper 1311/96

Publication of E. C. Murphy, Ltd., undated, entitled "Cost-Driven Downsizing in Hospitals"

Sessional Paper 1312/96

Alberta Hansard excerpt, dated February 15, 1996, pp. 53-54, entitled "Licensed Practical Nurses", regarding remarks by Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross

Sessional Paper 1313/96

Alberta Hansard excerpt, dated February 15, 1996, p. 55, entitled "Licensed Practical Nurses (continued)", regarding remarks by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 1314/96

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Letter, dated August 15, 1996, from J. G. Sorenson, Vice-Chairman, and T.A. Cumming, President & CEO, The Alberta Stock Exchange, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a Canadian Securities Commission Proposal

Sessional Paper 1315/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding nonprofit casino gaming, the importance of independent advisers and the need for regulations to ensure that charities receive maximum benefits.

During his statement, Mr. Wickman filed the following:

Memorandum, undated, from Brenda Chorney, to Derrick Rogusky, regarding concerns about the casino gaming industry in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1316/96

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the method by which boundaries were determined by the 1995-96 Electoral Boundaries Commission

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's inequitable distribution of education taxes, particularly in Jasper.

Deputy Speaker's Ruling — Point of Order - Tabling Documents

Yesterday, August 19, 1996, the Honourable Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, raised a point of order. The Honourable Minister covered a few subjects but, in essence, his point of order dealt with alleged duplicate tablings by the Honourable Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert. The allegation was that the same letter had been tabled by the Member on March 12, 1996 and was tabled again on August 15, 1996. The Honourable Minister referred to Standing Orders 23(i) and (l). The Chair undertook to review the matter.

After reviewing the documents, the Chair notes that the Honourable Member did table the same document twice. This document is Sessional Paper 713/96 and Sessional Paper 1271/96. This is not, however, the only instance of the same document being tabled twice. The Honourable Member for Sherwood Park tabled a letter on August 14 (Sessional Paper 1214/96) which the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Glenora tabled again the next day (Sessional Paper 1272/96). Clearly

this should not be allowed to continue. The Chair has been troubled about the nature of some of the tablings over the last few days and would like to take an opportunity, then, to make some other comments about tablings.

Members will note that our Standing Orders do not elaborate on the issue of tablings except with respect to the number of copies and the place in the daily routine. What Members may not realize is that Alberta has one of the most permissive policies with respect to the tabling of documents but it has not been comprehensively commented on by Speakers perhaps because it has not been used and abused to the extent that it has in the last few days.

Members are reminded of Standing Order 2 which directs the Speaker to rule on unprovided contingencies based on precedent and parliamentary tradition. The Chair would also refer to paragraph 1 of *Beauchesne's* (6th ed.) which lists among the principles of parliamentary law "to secure the transaction of the public business in an orderly manner" and "to preserve order and decorum and prevent an unnecessary waste of time."

In terms of precedents, Speaker Carter was quite firm in various rulings concerning tablings involving correspondence. He ruled that correspondence tabled must be signed and dated (for instance on March 16, 1990; May 1, 1991; June 19, 1989). Some of the tablings that have been presented in the last few days are no more than typewritten messages. A Member should not be able to type out a note to himself or herself and table it. That practice should not be allowed to continue. Members who table such documents will be ruled out of order and the document considered not to have been tabled.

With respect to duplicate tablings, clearly this cannot be allowed to continue. Members must police themselves and be responsible for their actions.

With respect to comments made during tablings, the Chair would remind Members that only the most basic description of the document to be tabled will be allowed. The Chair would refer Members to the Speaker's ruling of April 11, 1995 on this subject. At that time the Speaker made a statement that is worth repeating:

The Chair wishes to avoid a situation where either the volume of tablings or the time spent in the Chamber on tablings becomes such that tablings have to be done through the Clerk's office as is the case in some jurisdictions.

In short, the Chair would call upon all Members to exercise some good judgment about tablings. Members should be aware that they are responsible for what they table in this Assembly. If their tablings offend the practices of the Assembly, they will be held to account. The Chair is concerned that if every tabling has to be scrutinized, then the time for tablings will be such that the practice would have to be seriously reviewed.

While the Chair is commenting on tablings, mention must be made that excerpts from Hansard are not appropriate tablings, as the words contained are in fact on the record and tabling, therefore, is really a redundant action.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Deputy Speaker's Statement — Private Members' Bills

The Chair would like to clarify for Members the order for Private Members' Public Bills today.

The Chair would refer Members to Standing Order 9(1) which states that all items, except Government Bills and Orders, shall be taken up in the order of precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper. Given the evolving nature of this order of business since the Standing Orders were amended in 1993, this is the first time this issue has been addressed by the Chair. Today, under Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders, we have Bill 216 with 38 minutes left at second reading and Bill 214 scheduled for Committee of the Whole. The deadline for starting consideration of Bill 214 in Committee of the Whole does not expire under Standing Order 8(5)(c) until tomorrow. Private Member's Bills have, however, come up for consideration prior to the date they are due when the Member has wanted the matter to come up prior to that date. In this instance the issue is really what matter has "precedence". Accordingly, the Chair rules that when debate is continuing on a stage of a Bill or when the Bill is before Committee and the time has not expired and the deadline for consideration of another Bill has not come, then the consideration of that Bill, in this case Bill 216, will be allowed to continue until completion or voted upon. The next order of business, then, would be the Bill that the Member wants taken up early, and in this case it would be Bill 214. So we have before us 216.

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 216 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Havelock speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement the suggestions contained in reports tabled in the House by the Government and by the Official Opposition concerning improvements to the handling of young offenders in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Balsillie	Forsyth	Sekulic
Bracko	Germain	Soetaert
Bruseker	Hanson	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Massey	Wickman
Dalla-Longa	Percy	
Dickson	Sapers	

Against the motion: 40

Ady	Havelock	Oberg
Amery	Herard	Paszkowski
Beniuk	Hierath	Pham
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Rostad
Clegg	Kowalski	Severtson
Dinning	Langevin	Shariff
Dunford	Lund	Smith
Evans	Magnus	Stelmach
Fischer	Mar	Taylor
Friedel	McClellan	Thurber
Fritz	McFarland	West
Gordon	Mirosh	Woloshyn
Haley		

514. Moved by Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing a Legal Services Ombudsman to investigate how complaints about lawyers have been handled.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Progress was reported on the following Bill, with some amendments:

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Mr. Clegg, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Minister of Environmental Protection) — Agreed to.
Sessional Paper 1317/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Debate adjourned.
Sessional Paper 1318/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

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Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 23rd Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1) to move the following motion:

25. Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Law and Regulations, that Ms Balsillie replace Mr. Zariwny;

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Ms Balsillie replace Dr. Nicol.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — 1996-97 Supplementary Estimates General Revenue Fund)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker, left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates General Revenue 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, 1997, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development	
Operating expenses	\$6,000,000
Health	
Operating expenses	\$20,000,000
Transportation and Utilities	
Operating expenses	\$10,000,000
Total 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates General Revenue Fund Payments	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$36,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 48 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Second time:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until Wednesday, August 21, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, presented a petition on behalf of the Hon. Member for Drumheller, from constituents protesting proposed boundaries set out in the 1995-1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission Report.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 237 Edmontonians in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 20 Albertans in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain Catholic School Boards and to oppose any move to amalgamate Catholic and Public School Boards.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M188 asked for by Dr. Percy on April 3, 1996:

A copy of the 1984 Memorandum of Intent between the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and Chem-Security Limited, as noted on page 22 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 1994-95.

Sessional Paper M188/96

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. Q187 asked for by Mr. Dickson on April 3, 1996:

What is the breakdown by location of library usage for circulation and reference as referred to on page 7 of the 1994-95 Annual Report of the Justice Department?

Sessional Paper Q187/96

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. Q181 asked for by Mr. Dickson on April 3, 1996:

What are the "meaningful activities" referred to on page 12 of the 1994-95 Annual Report of the Justice and Attorney General Department and how many individuals are participating in each of these activities?

Sessional Paper Q181/96

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Alberta Law Foundation, 23rd Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1996

Sessional Paper 90/96

Victims Programs Assistance Committee, Annual Report, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 92/96

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1996
Sessional Paper 88/96

Glenbow's, Annual Report, 1996
Sessional Paper 29/96

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Letter, dated July 25, 1996, from Maaike Folkinga, Edmonton Support and Advocacy Association for Abused Women, to Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes
Sessional Paper 1320/96

Letter, dated August 14, 1996, from Guy M. Pallister, Director, The Fathers Advocate, Alberta Chapter, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield, opposing Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act
Sessional Paper 1321/96

Letter, dated July 25, 1996, from Elizabeth Hussey to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act
Sessional Paper 1322/96

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Safety Codes Council, Three-Year Business Plan, 1996-98
Sessional Paper 1323/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter, dated July 3, 1996, from Dave Bell, Chair, Edmonton Council Against Family Violence, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes
Sessional Paper 1324/96

Letter, dated July 4, 1996, from Layne Johnson, Municipal Manager, Municipal District of Brazeau, No. 77, to Cathy Cram, Legislative Analyst, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, and commending the Official Opposition as well as the Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly for initiating and pursuing the Bill
Sessional Paper 1325/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, dated July 15, 1996, from Ione Challborn, Executive Director, Edmonton Women's Shelter Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1326/96

Letter, dated August 6, 1996, from Surinder Dhaliwal, President, Sikh Women's Association of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1327/96

Letter, dated July 19, 1996, from Fran Wolver to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1328/96

Letter, dated August 20, 1996, from H. Bagot to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing his opinions of Government responses to investigations of the health care system

Sessional Paper 1329/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter, dated July 29, 1996, from Marie-Hélène Prescott, on behalf of Mothers Without Children, a community organization, to Cathy Cram, Legislative Analyst, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1330/96

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, dated July 30, 1996, from Ted S. Tymo to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding difficulties experienced by his aunt with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1331/96

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated August 19, 1996, from Esther Weber to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding difficulties experienced with the psychology department in a city hospital

Sessional Paper 1332/96

Letter, dated August 16, 1996, from Linda Goin to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding an Edmonton woman's difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1333/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated August 19, 1996, from Robert J. G. Cooper, CD, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding difficulties with the health care system
Sessional Paper 1334/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Document, dated August 13, 1996, entitled "The New Alberta Health, Organizational Structure, Process and Staffing, A Presentation to all Staff of the Department"
Sessional Paper 1335/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated July 28, 1996, from Irene Payne to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, regarding health care premiums, education taxes and open liquor bottles in vehicles
Sessional Paper 1336/96

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, made a statement announcing that, following major public consultation conducted by a task force, effective April 1, 1997, Alberta Vocational Colleges will become public, board-governed institutions.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

M203. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

A list of all licences, registrations, accreditations, goods and services for which the Department of Labour charges a fee and the amount or range of that fee.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

M199. Moved by Mr. Dalla-Longa:

Copies of all working documents, studies and reports prepared by or for the Government, Syncrude Canada, Syncrude Canada Joint Venture and the Syncrude Management Committee estimating accrued reclamation cost for the Syncrude Project.

M200. Moved by Mr. Dalla-Longa:

A copy of the agreement to maintain the Athabasca Mining Reclamation Trust between the Government, Athabasca Oil Sands Investments Inc., and Montreal Trust Company of Canada Inc.

M204. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The Department of Labour document entitled, "To the Workplace 2000," and any other documents or records the Government possesses which list the companies whose occupational health and safety records are of concern to the Government and/or are being closely monitored by the Government.

M205. Moved by Mr. Kirkland:

A list of all individuals, companies and organizations the Workers' Compensation Board has made payment to for goods or services provided, complete with amount each individual, company and organization was paid for the fiscal years 1993-94 to 1995-96.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M209, M210, M212, M213, M214.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, Ms Burgener moved that the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

The motion was agreed to and the Chairman left the Chair.

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 216 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 217 Law of Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, moved at 5:09 p.m. that it be called 5:30 p.m. and that the Assembly adjourn until 8:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Ady	Gordon	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Pham
Beniuk	Havelock	Renner
Black	Herard	Severtson
Brassard	Hlady	Shariff
Burgener	Jacques	Smith
Calahasen	Jonson	Stelmach
Cardinal	Kowalski	Taylor
Clegg	Laing	Thurber
Dinning	Langevin	West
Dunford	Mar	Woloshyn
Evans	McFarland	Yankowsky
Friedel	Mirosh	

Against the motion: 11

Bruseker	Doerksen	Taylor
Chadi	Germain	Wickman
Dalla-Longa	Hanson	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sapers	

The Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1996

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed.

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Magnus

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Bill 48 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:04 p.m. until Thursday, August 22, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 22, 1996

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

Notices of Motion

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly express its regrets and condolences to the family of Mr. Justice Tevie Miller and that this Assembly acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Mr. Justice Tevie Miller to our province.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. Q179 asked for by Mr. Collingwood on April 3, 1996:

How many times did the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development Policy Committee meet, between the period December 2, 1994 and December 31, 1995, how many of those meetings were completely in camera, how many presentations were made to the Committee, and how many of these presentations were made in camera?

Sessional Paper Q179/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Private Colleges Accreditation Board, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1319/96

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter, dated August 9, 1996, from Karen A. Blase, Executive Director, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter Association, to Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, in support of Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, with recommended changes

Sessional Paper 1337/96

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Memorandum, dated July 25, 1996, from Geoff Ho, Alberta Justice, to Legislative staff, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act, and the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in similar Saskatchewan legislation

Sessional Paper 1338/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Minutes of the July 19, 1996 Meeting, held at offices of The Alberta Law Reform Institute, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1339/96

Minutes of the July 24, 1996 Meeting, held at the Legislative Counsel Boardroom, Bowker Building, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1340/96

Report, undated, based on statistics from the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters regarding types of abuse reported in women's shelters in Alberta in 1995

Sessional Paper 1341/96

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Draft No. 5, dated August 15, 1996, from Legislative Counsel, Department of Justice, to various support staff of the Official Opposition and the Department of Family and Social Services, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1342/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Report, undated, based on statistics from the Alberta Council on Women's Shelters regarding numbers of contacts with women's shelter facilities in Alberta in 1995

Sessional Paper 1343/96

Draft No. 6, dated August 16, 1996, of amendments to Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1344/96

Letter, dated July 26, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding concerns with the Alberta Health Tuberculosis Services

Sessional Paper 1345/96

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

Record of meetings held between July 19, 1996 and August 16, 1996 with list of participants attached, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1346/96

Record of meetings, attended by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, between May 24, 1996 and August 9, 1996, with large groups in Edmonton, Vermilion, Calgary and Red Deer, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1347/96

Report, undated, based on statistics from the Alberta Council on Women's Shelters regarding numbers of women and children admitted to women's shelter facilities in Alberta in 1995 and average length of stay

Sessional Paper 1348/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

Alberta Liberal Caucus News Supplementary Bill Brief, dated August 19, 1996, regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act

Sessional Paper 1349/96

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Alberta/Hokkaido twinning.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, made a statement regarding domestic violence.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little-Bow, made a statement regarding the September 23rd anniversary of his father's passing, and health care in Alberta

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, 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. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of August 26 to August 29, 1996:

Monday, August 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act
		Second Reading
		Bill 47, Reinvestment Act
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Third Reading
		Bill 48, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2)
		Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act
		- Committee of the Whole or
		Bill 47, Investment Act
		Bill 41, Water Act
Tuesday, August 27	(4:30 p.m.)	- Royal Assent
		Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act

Bill 48, Appropriation
(Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
(No. 2)

Bill 49, Gas Utilities Amendment
Act, 1996

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Wednesday, August 28 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Thursday, August 29 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Motions under Standing Order 40

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly express its regrets and condolences to the family of Mr. Justice Tevie Miller and that his Assembly acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Mr. Justice Tevie Miller to our province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

After some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 48 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Mr. McFarland, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole for the Official Records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) — Debate adjourned.

Sessional Paper 1350/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, August 26, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, August 26, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Balsillie, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 1,300 Albertans opposing the privatization of Pine Ridge Nursery in Smoky Lake.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to support Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Memorandum, dated August 26, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting an investigation into a serious health care allegation outlined in a letter, dated August 20, 1996, from Andrew Noel, which was faxed to the Premier's residence

Sessional Paper 1351/96

Communiqués issued at the 37th Annual Premier's Conference held at Jasper August 21 - 23, 1996, entitled "Rebalancing Roles and Responsibilities", "Social Policy Reform and Renewal", "GST Harmonization", "Other Intergovernmental Matters", "Jobs and Economic Growth", a further "Jobs and Economic Growth", "New National Infrastructure Program", "Proposed Guidelines for a New National Infrastructure Program" and "Follow-Up to the June First Ministers' Meeting"

Sessional Paper 1352/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

News Release, dated August 22, 1996, entitled "New Guideline for Management of Cataracts Announced", with accompanying patient information entitled "Guideline for Surgical & Non-Surgical Management of Cataract in the Otherwise Healthy Adult Eye" and "Information for Patients, Cataracts in Adults with Otherwise Healthy Eyes"

Sessional Paper 1353/96

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter, dated July 19, 1996, from Dr. Thomas Rich, Emergency Physician, Calgary General and Peter Lougheed Hospitals, to Members of Government responsible for Health Care, regarding retention of an inner-city hospital in Calgary

Sessional Paper 1354/96

A Paper, dated July 4, 1996, authored by Christopher Bagley and Pierre Tremblay, entitled "On the Prevalence of Homosexuality and Bisexuality, and Recent Depression in a Random Community Survey of 750 Men Aged 18 to 27"

Sessional Paper 1355/96

A Paper, dated August 16, 1996, authored by Christopher Bagley and Pierre Tremblay, entitled "Suicidality Problems of Gay and Bisexual Males: Evidence From a Random Community Survey of 750 Men Aged 18 to 27"

Sessional Paper 1356/96

Deputy Speaker's Ruling

Re: Point of order raised by the Honourable Member for Calgary-North West

On Thursday, August 22, 1996, after the prayers and before the Daily Routine, the Honourable Member for Calgary-North West raised a point of order concerning what he believes was an omission on that day's Order Paper; specifically, a reference to Bill 214 under Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders. The Honourable Member indicated that there was neither a motion to remove Bill 214 from the Order Paper nor unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 8(5)(a)(ii) and therefore Bill 214 should be returned to the Order Paper to be discussed on the next Private Members' day.

While the Chair is extremely reluctant to comment on what occurred in Committee of the Whole, a review of Hansard for Wednesday, August 20, 1996, indicates that when the Assembly was in Committee of the Whole debating Bill 214, the Honourable Member for Calgary-Currie moved, pursuant to Standing Order 64(1), that the Chairman leave the Chair. Standing Order 64(1) reads as follows:

64(1) A motion that the Chairman leave the Chair

- (a) is always in order,*
- (b) takes precedence over any other motion, and*
- (c) is not debatable.*

The Honourable Member for Calgary-Currie's motion passed in the affirmative, and the Chairman left the Chair. The Standing Orders are not explicit as to what happens to a Bill when the Chairman leaves the Chair, but both Beauchesne's and Erskine

May, which are the authorities most often consulted in situations not covered by the Standing Orders, deal with this matter.

Beauchesne's, at paragraph 905, explains that a Member wishing to supersede a question, will move "That the Chairman do now leave the Chair", and if this motion, which is not debatable, is resolved in the affirmative, the Chairman will at once leave the Chair, and with no report having been made to the House, the Bill or question disappears from the Order Paper. Erskine May at page 499 is to a similar effect.

Thus, in partial answer the Honourable Member's point of order, the Chair would advise that a motion to remove Bill 214 from the Order Paper was not necessary because the Bill automatically disappeared from the Order Paper when the Chairman left the Chair.

The Honourable Member for Calgary-North West also indicated that Bill 214 cannot be removed from the Order Paper unless there is unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(5)(a)(ii), which says that a Public Bill other than a Government Bill shall retain its place on the Order Paper until such time as the Bill has been given 120 minutes of debate in Committee of the Whole. What the Honourable Member failed to mention, however, were the closing words of Standing Order 8(5)(a), which read "*unless the relevant Motion is voted upon sooner.*"

In the Chair's view a motion under Standing Order 64(1) is a relevant motion for the purposes of Standing Order 8(5)(a)(ii); indeed, pursuant to Standing Order 64(1)(b) it's a motion that takes precedence over any other motion. Accordingly, once a motion that the Chairman leave the Chair is affirmed in the positive, that ends debate of the Bill. In short, the Standing Order provisions concerning the amount of time to be spent on Private Member's Bills are not absolute. They are subject to the normal rules of debate and the motions that have marked parliamentary practice at least since 1905.

Finally, the Honourable Member for Calgary-North West referred to Standing Order 41. Standing Order 41 enumerates the motions that can be received when a motion is being debated. It is true that there is no motion under Standing Order 41 to remove a Bill from the Order Paper. However, Standing Order 64 takes precedence over any other motion and is always in order. Consequently, Standing Order 41 is not applicable in these circumstances.

In conclusion, the Chair wishes to thank the Honourable Member for Calgary-North West for his concerns and comments, but the Chair finds that there is no point of order. Bill 214 was properly removed from the Order Paper in accordance with the Standing Orders and the usages and precedents of this Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

After some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 46 Electoral Division — Hon. Mr. Evans

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole for the Official Records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) — Agreed to.

Sessional Paper 1357/96

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.

Sessional Paper 1358/96

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Debate adjourned.

Sessional Paper 1359/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:26 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

After some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments.

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole for the Official Records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 46, (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1360/96

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1361/96

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 48 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2) —
Hon. Mr. Dinning

Second Reading — Deputy Speaker's Statement

On August 21, 1996, under Government Bills and Orders, the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved Second reading of Bill 47, Reinvestment Act, on behalf of the Hon. Provincial Treasurer. After the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud had spoken to the Bill, the Chair recognized the Hon. Provincial Treasurer, who spoke to the Bill and then later moved to adjourn debate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25(1)(b), a reply is allowed to a Member who has moved that a Bill be read a Second or Third time and in such instance the Speaker shall inform the Assembly that the reply of the mover will close debate. The mover of Bill 47 was the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General; however, he moved the Bill on behalf of the Hon. Provincial Treasurer. According to paragraph 466(2) of Beauchesne, should a Member propose a motion, including a motion that a Bill be read a Second time, on behalf of another Member, a later speech by either will close the debate. However, since the Chair did not inform the Assembly that the reply by the Hon. Provincial Treasurer would close debate on Second reading of Bill 47, debate on the Bill can continue. The Chair wishes to inform the Assembly, however, that if either the Hon. Provincial Treasurer or the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General speaks to the Bill again, debate will close on Second reading of Bill 47.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:52 p.m. until Tuesday, August 27, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 136 Calgarians, regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from Albertans regarding support for the continued provision of an affordable, high quality, post-secondary education system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petitions were read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to suspend hospital closures in Calgary, and immediately hold an independent public inquiry on health facilities in the city.

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain a full complement of health services for veterans at the Colonel Belcher Hospital.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, I have the following report to make concerning a Bill the Committee has considered:

The Committee recommends that Bill Pr2, Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act, proceed with some amendments. Mr. Speaker, the Committee has recommended substantial amendments to the Bill so that it would, if passed, no longer grant tax exemptions but would incorporate the College in the same manner as other private colleges. One of the amendments is to change the title of the Bill so that the reference to "tax exemption" would be removed. Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the amendments recommended by the Committee and seek the concurrence of the House in this report

Sessional Paper 1372/96

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, August 28, 1996:

Written Questions: Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211.

Motions for Return: M209, M210.

Hon. Mr. Day gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 41, Water Act, shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Cerebral Palsy Association, congratulating medalists in the Canadian Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

Sessional Paper 1362/96

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind, congratulating medalists in the Canadian Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

Sessional Paper 1363/96

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Section Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association, congratulating medalists in the Canada Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

Sessional Paper 1364/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Report, dated January, 1996, by Caritas Health Group, entitled "COMPRU" (Craniofacial Osseointegration and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation Unit)

Sessional Paper 1365/96

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, dated August 22, 1996, from Lawrence Noel to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding unaddressed health care issues

Sessional Paper 1366/96

Letter, dated August 25, 1996, from Dr. Jan Adam, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding Calgary Foothills Hospital soliciting donations to finance hospital projects

Sessional Paper 1367/96

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

The Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report, 1995

Sessional Paper 137/96

The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 138/96

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1368/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Alberta Liquor Control Board, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 112/96

Alberta Lotteries, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1369/96

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75AA/96

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75BB/96

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75CC/96

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75HH/96

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority No. 15, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75II/96

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 75JJ/96

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 75KK/96

Northern Lights Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 75LL/96

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 75MM/96

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, responding to a question asked on August 20, 1996, by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding the Colonel Belcher Hospital and private room fees
Sessional Paper 1370/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated August 27, 1996 from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding Christine Campbell's partner's difficulties with the health care system
Sessional Paper 1371/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Letter, dated July 16, 1996, from John Ennis, Portfolio Officer, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Con Duemler, Agent, regarding complaints he filed on behalf of a senior about the treatment of senior citizens by the Department of Community Development and the processing of Alberta seniors benefits
Sessional Paper 1373/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled the following:

Article, dated August 26, 1996, Alberta Report, entitled "The monopolists strike back"
Sessional Paper 1374/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Dutch Elm Disease.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the alleged crises in our health care system.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding motor vehicle inspections and the shift in certification requirements for inspectors.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 217 Law of Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

At 3:28 p.m., unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to move on to the next item of business.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing a Legal Services Ombudsman to investigate how complaints about lawyers have been handled.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

515. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to initiate an immediate study to examine the feasibility of electing judges.

During debate of Motion 515, Mr. Hlady requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to amend his motion by inserting after "immediate"

public review of the judiciary, including a

Debate followed (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was put on the amendment, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was immediately put on the motion, which was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Acting Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 8(2)(c), in order to consider Private Bills.

Private Bills

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Brassard

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee - continued)

After some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Act — Mr. Brassard

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the Official Records of the Assembly.

- Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to.
Sessional Paper 1375/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1389/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1376/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1377/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1378/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1379/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1380/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1381/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1382/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1383/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1384/96
- Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1385/96
- Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) —
Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1386/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1387/96
- Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated.
Sessional Paper 1388/96

Third Reading

Unanimous consent was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) in order to proceed with Third reading of Bill Pr2, Covenant Bible College Act.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 — Hon. Mr. Evans

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Act — Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 24 agreed to by the Assembly on August 20, 1996, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 9, 1997

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

H.A. "BUD" OLSON,
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 Our will and pleasure by and with
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council
of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Fourth
Session of the Twenty-third Legislature of Alberta:

Doug Rae,
Acting Deputy Minister
of Justice and Acting
Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 9, 1997, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Fifth Session of the Twenty-third
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
MONDAY, the 10th day of February 1997, at the
hour of THREE o'clock 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 H.A. "BUD" OLSON, Lieutenant Governor of
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this
Fifteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Ninety-seven in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

BRIAN EVANS,
Provincial Secretary.