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Monday, April 14, 1997

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable H.A. "Bud" Olson, Lieutenant Governor, dated the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven;

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

[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...

Neil McCrank,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on MONDAY, the fourteenth day of April, 1997, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1997

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 first day
of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven and
in the Forty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JON HAVELOCK,
Provincial Secretary.

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

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

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

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

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

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand:

Mr. Clegg, nominated by Ms Forsyth

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Mrs. Laing

Mr. Kowalski, nominated by Ms Haley

The following Member was nominated but declined the nomination:

Mr. Zwozdesky, nominated by Mr. Mitchell

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 83; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of votes required to achieve the fifty percent plus one majority, 42. Mr. Tannas has received the least number of total votes cast. Mr. Tannas's name will therefore be excluded from subsequent ballots.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the second ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 83; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of votes required to achieve the fifty percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Kowalski. Mr. Kowalski is hereby declared the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 24th Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

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

To my colleagues in the Alberta Legislative Assembly. In August of 1993 we had the privilege in this Assembly of changing the format for the election of the Speaker by providing a provision for the election of the Speaker by the Members by way of secret ballot. That was a major reform in this Assembly and is one that we were all proud of at the time. Little did I realize at that time that several years would go by and I would have my name come forward before this Assembly for the election of the Speaker. I want to let each and every one of you know that I am sincerely thankful for this expression of support.

I want to sincerely thank my two colleagues, Mr. Don Tannas and Mr. Glen Clegg, for allowing their names to stand for a democratic process. They are fine gentlemen, gentlemen of integrity. They are friends of mine and people whom I respect very, very sincerely. I want to thank them again for allowing their names to come forward.

To Mr. Zwozdesky, who was nominated and declined the nomination. I'm sure that in the last number of days he spent a great deal of time thinking about the possibility and what he would do should he be nominated. He's a class gentleman, a gentleman of respect, and I want to thank him as well for allowing his name to come forward.

This Assembly is the highest court in the land in the province of Alberta. The 83 men and women who have made their way into this Assembly did it by allowing their names to stand, one for a nomination meeting and then for the election. We're here to represent all the people of Alberta. It's the greatest honour that anyone in the province of Alberta could have. There are nearly 3 million Albertans of different backgrounds, different traditions, different aspirations, but this is our home. This is the home for 83 MLAs in the province of Alberta. This is the place that is worthy of respect for all of us. I sincerely hope that I will do you honour for the honour that you've given me today, and I sincerely hope that we will find a great deal of respect in this Assembly for one another and that integrity and honour will always be the words we will use in conducting our daily affairs in this Assembly.

So, again, thank you. Thank you very much. You are looking at perhaps the most surprised person in Alberta today.

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

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

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand:

Mr. Herard, nominated by Mrs. Gordon

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Mrs. Laing

The following Member was nominated but declined the nomination:

Mr. Clegg, nominated by Hon. Mr. Havelock

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees are as follows. The number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, zero; the number of votes required to achieve the fifty percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Tannas. Mr. Tannas is hereby declared the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 24th Legislature.

Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees

Mr. Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the election of the Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed her name to stand:

Mrs. Gordon, nominated by Ms Fritz

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mrs. Gordon acclaimed the Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 24th Legislature.

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 3:05 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

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

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

Then the Speaker said:

May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duties to their Queen and Province, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable construction.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temperance, and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow the Assembly's constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all suitable occasions and that all proceedings as well as your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From The Throne

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and fellow Albertans:

It is my privilege and my pleasure to welcome you to the First Session of the 24th Alberta Legislature, a Legislature which will see this province enter the 21st century. My Government welcomes the 57 returning Members and the 26 new Members to the Legislative Assembly. This Government represents every part of Alberta, and it is honoured to work with all Albertans to build an even better province for everyone.

From the outset Alberta was made for growth. Aboriginal people followed the bison herds for thousands of years and opened up a vast territory for commerce and settlement. At the dawn of the 20th century pioneers and sodbusters came from far and wide to a land of opportunity, a land that the statesman Sir Clifford Sifton called the last, best west.

Alberta's rich soil, fresh water, immense forests, and lavish mineral wealth were the raw material from which generations of Albertans built their homes, their communities, and their dreams. They created a tradition of fortitude and personal responsibility with small government, low taxation, and balanced budgets, a tradition of hard work, openness, and integrity. In a matter of decades that tradition laid the foundation for the youngest and the most highly skilled, educated, and productive workforce in the country. This is the tradition to which Albertans returned in putting our fiscal house in order over the last four years. Today our task is to build on that foundation, to plan carefully for the prosperity that Albertans' blessings and efforts will continue to create.

On March 11, 1997, the people of Alberta endorsed our Government's agenda, an agenda for growth aimed squarely at ensuring that Albertans continue to benefit from growth, prosperity, and jobs and quality, responsive, and affordable public services. The business of this session will focus on fulfilling that agenda.

Alberta's economy is thriving. More Albertans are working than ever before, and our unemployment rate is the lowest in Canada. Financial experts are calling for our province to lead the nation in economic growth and jobs. Scores of individuals and businesses continue to affirm that forecast by locating, investing, and creating jobs in Alberta.

It is an exciting time to be in our province, yet it is also a time for careful planning. Balanced budgets, diminishing debt, and the lowest overall taxes in Canada are a solid foundation for continued economic growth, prosperity, and jobs, but Albertans know that their province is a work in progress.

Increasing growth brings new pressures on physical infrastructure, educational institutions, and salaries in the public sector. In keeping with its practice of consulting Albertans on important issues, the Government will canvass leaders from municipalities and the health, education, labour, business, and general public sectors in an Alberta Growth Summit later this year. This forum will address how our province can respond to the pressures of growth and the rising demand for public services while continuing to live within its means.

As well, the Government will explore ways to create opportunities for Albertans to work towards realizing their hopes and dreams. It will ask Albertans for their ideas on how government can make it easier for people to save money for their retirement and their children's education.

Fiscal responsibility remains a priority. Having reduced the net provincial debt by half, to \$3.5 billion, the Government will keep paying down that debt. If current trends prevail, the net debt will be gone by the year 2005, some 16 years ahead of the originally legislated target.

Prudent fiscal management over the last four years has allowed our Government to absorb substantial cuts in federal transfer payments and to hold the line on taxes, a notorious inhibitor of economic growth. This year the Government will introduce for Albertans' consideration and discussion a law to cap its share of personal and corporate income taxes and other taxes at current levels unless and until Albertans expressly vote to increase such taxes in a referendum.

Low- and middle-income working families will see their taxes drop by up to \$500 in 1997 due to the new Alberta family employment tax credit. Taxes on aviation fuel and equipment will be scaled back to improve the province's competitive position.

The Government's new economic development strategy, Building on the Alberta Advantage, provides a framework for further growth in key sectors of our economy.

Our Government will continue to invest in research and development in Alberta's areas of strength such as energy, forestry, agriculture, and health and medical services and to apply the results to help firms develop and acquire new technologies. It will work with business and developers of technology on directories and databases in sectors like advanced materials and biotechnology. The Government's planned uses of information technology should encourage Alberta firms to develop new products and services in that area for use and sale at home and abroad.

Our Government will support our export-driven economy by reinvesting strategically in highway projects like the north/south trade corridor and our resource road programs. It will play a prominent role in Canada's Year of Asia Pacific by hosting energy ministers from the Far East and by following up on Team Canada's trade mission to that region. Its ongoing efforts to inform Alberta businesses about international trade and investment opportunities include refining the Alberta international export strategy.

Alberta is attracting record numbers of visitors from around the world, and the Government will continue to work with the Alberta Tourism Partnership to promote our province as an outstanding destination for tourism.

In energy the Government will consult with the industry on integrating the management of information among them, on streamlining business rules, and on maintaining Alberta's pre-eminence in energy-related research and technology without direct subsidies from Government. It will increase certainty for developers of the oil sands by entrenching the major features of the new generic royalty regime in legislation. It will amend the rules governing the tenure of minerals to give industry more clarity and flexibility. Having led the way in North America in restructuring its electricity industry, the Government will work with interested parties to set the terms and the pace of deregulating the industry further.

Our Government will promote the processing of agricultural products through efforts like the industry-led Agri-food and Fibre Value-added Fund. This will encourage advances in areas such as agricultural products used in medicine and health science. As well, the Government will restructure its crop insurance program to increase its share of support at lower levels of coverage while broadening the base of coverage and reducing both producers' premiums by an average of 25 percent and the demand for unbudgeted assistance.

Our Government will never lose sight of its duty to the people of Alberta, the duty to provide programs and services that help them to take responsibility for their own future and to enrich the quality of life in their communities. All Albertans should have the opportunity to benefit from the continued growth and prosperity of their province. Perhaps the most important tool to that end is learning. The Government will strive to improve the quality of education and to prepare Albertans for the growing demand for skilled jobs in our province.

In primary and secondary education our Government will build on the base which led Alberta students to score the highest in science in a national program and third highest in an international study on science and math. The Government will continue to work to improve high school completion rates, students' achievement in math, and students' access to information through technology. Strategies to these ends include expanding distance learning programs, changing guidance counselling programs to raise students' awareness of career options, establishing curriculum standards in technology for students and technical standards and certification requirements for teachers, making career and technical studies a permanent part of the high school curriculum, and changing the curriculum in the earlier grades to emphasize problem-solving which helps students relate math to actual situations.

In adult education our Government will build on the success of the access fund and work from its new human resource strategy, People and Prosperity, to help Albertans get the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to the marketplace. Efforts to do so include revising Alberta's apprenticeship and industrial training programs to ensure that they meet the challenges of globalization, technological change, and the rising demand for skilled labour; developing an intellectual infrastructure partnership between the public and private sectors to invest in research aimed at ensuring Alberta's competitive advantage; and launching a project which combines career information and consulting programs with job placement services for young people who have left high school without the skills and credentials that they need for sustained employment.

Health remains a vital priority for our Government. It will keep working to ensure high-quality, accessible, and sustainable health care with stable and predictable funding. It will address current and future pressure points and proceed with reforms aimed at preventing illness and injury. These efforts include legislation to protect the privacy of information about Albertans' personal health; an accountability framework to set out expectations of our health system and to measure its performance; a health standards framework to ensure Albertans have access to and receive quality health services; improved systems of health-related information and technology for more informed decision-making; a model of Best Practices for and an administrative review of the regional health authorities to promote the widespread use of practices which are working well; a new, simplified system of appeals and complaints to address patients' concerns about the delivery of health services; and a review of long-term care services for seniors.

The Government remains committed to helping people who are unable to provide for themselves. Increased decision-making at the local level will continue with the children's service initiative, a community-planned, Government-supported program to serve the needs of children and families involving more than 10,000 Albertans from diverse avenues, disciplines, and Government departments. The early intervention program aims to keep children from requiring crisis services later on. Other efforts include developing a co-ordinated national strategy to help needy children, introducing legislation to co-ordinate the delivery of services at the community level to persons with developmental disabilities, and implementing legislation to protect against the physical, emotional, or financial abuse of seniors.

Recognizing the importance of keeping our communities safe, the Government will focus on further reducing serious and violent crime. It will work towards implementing enhanced, consolidated legislation to help victims of crime, and it will encourage efforts such as the alternative measures program for sentencing less serious offenders and community-based youth justice committees to help young offenders become lawful and productive members of society.

As well, the Government will give Albertans more access to less formal and less costly procedures to settle small claims suits by increasing the jurisdiction of the Provincial Court.

Reflecting Albertans' willingness to take more responsibility for themselves and their communities, the Government will amend legislation to give community groups more authority to operate and manage provincially-owned historical facilities. It will work to change technical rules governing the election of local authorities. The Government will establish community lottery boards to set priorities and to determine how to spend lottery funds allocated to communities on a per capita basis, and it will propose amendments to reduce the bureaucratic burden on small charities and fund-raising businesses and to protect donors further.

Our Government will phase in the application of freedom of information and protection of privacy legislation to local public bodies like municipal governments, school boards, and regional health authorities. It will keep providing Canada's first government-wide business plans and performance measures as well as financial reporting that is clear, timely, and comprehensive.

Our Government will continue to listen to Albertans and to respond to their concerns. It will seek the advice of engineers, geophysicists, geologists, and architects on reforming their regulatory environments to ensure both competitiveness and public safety. It will work with aboriginal, scientific, recreational, and environmental groups, industry, and the public on defining a common vision and a conservation strategy for Alberta's forests.

The Government will continue to provide quality, affordable, and responsive public services. It will maintain its focus on, and carefully target, reinvestment in Albertans' priorities such as education, health, jobs, seniors, and the needy. Shortly the Provincial Treasurer will present the Government's detailed fiscal plan, Budget '97.

Despite all that has changed since the early days of our province, at least one thing has not. On the eve of the 21st century people are still coming to "the last, best west." They continue to bring their skills, their resources, and their dreams to this house we call Alberta.

My Government has a plan for growth. Budget '97 and the departmental business plans are the specifications for the next phase of this great work in progress: the Alberta Growth Summit will provide the blueprints, and the Government's ongoing work with Albertans will be the actual construction.

Fellow Albertans, our tradition and our foundation are strong. Our builders, the people of Alberta, are prepared to take on the challenges of growth and leadership in the years to come, and our welcome mat is out for the world. As we look out our door to a new millennium, we see opportunities as limitless as the prairie sky.

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

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

Government Bills and Orders

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997." 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 Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/97

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the General Election conducted on the eleventh day of March, 1997, which states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions and the said report further shows that the following Members were duly elected:

Airdrie-Rocky View	Carol Haley
Athabasca-Wabasca	Mike Cardinal
Banff-Cochrane	Janis Tarchuk
Barrhead-Westlock	Ken Kowalski
Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Denis Ducharme
Calgary-Bow	Bonnie Laing
Calgary-Buffalo	Gary Dickson
Calgary-Cross	Yvonne Fritz
Calgary-Currie	Jocelyn Burgener

Calgary-East	Moe Amery
Calgary-Egmont	Denis Herard
Calgary-Elbow	Ralph Klein
Calgary-Fish Creek	Heather Forsyth
Calgary-Foothills	Pat Black
Calgary-Fort	Wayne Cao
Calgary-Glenmore	Ron Stevens
Calgary-Lougheed	Marlene Graham
Calgary-McCall	Shiraz Shariff
Calgary-Montrose	Hung Pham
Calgary-Mountain View	Mark Hlady
Calgary-North Hill	Richard Magnus
Calgary-North West	Greg Melchin
Calgary-Nose Creek	Gary Mar
Calgary-Shaw	Jon Havelock
Calgary-Varsity	Murray Smith
Calgary-West	Karen Kryczka
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Ron Hierath
Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	Rob Lougheed
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Lorne Taylor
Drayton Valley-Calmar	Tom Thurber
Drumheller-Chinook	Shirley McClellan
Dunvegan	Glen Clegg
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Julius Yankowsky
Edmonton-Calder	Lance White
Edmonton-Castle Downs	Pamela Paul
Edmonton-Centre	Laurie Blakeman
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Debby Carlson
Edmonton-Glengarry	Bill Bonner
Edmonton-Glenora	Howard Sapers
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Hugh MacDonald
Edmonton-Highlands	Pam Barrett
Edmonton-Manning	Ed Gibbons
Edmonton-McClung	Grant Mitchell
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Karen Leibovici
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Gene Zwozdesky

Edmonton-Mill Woods	Don Massey
Edmonton-Norwood	Sue Olsen
Edmonton-Riverview	Linda Sloan
Edmonton-Rutherford	Percy Wickman
Edmonton-Strathcona	Raj Pannu
Edmonton-Whitemud	David Graeme Hancock
Fort McMurray	Guy Boutilier
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Walter Paszkowski
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Wayne Jacques
Highwood	Don Tannas
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Gary Severtson
Lac La Biche-St. Paul	Paul Langevin
Lacombe-Stettler	Judy Gordon
Leduc	Albert Klapstein
Lesser Slave Lake	Pearl Calahasen
Lethbridge-East	Ken Nicol
Lethbridge-West	Clint Dunford
Little Bow	Barry McFarland
Livingstone-Macleod	David Coutts
Medicine Hat	Rob Renner
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Richard Marz
Peace River	Gary Friedel
Ponoka-Rimbey	Halvar Jonson
Red Deer-North	Stockwell Day
Red Deer-South	Victor Doerksen
Redwater	Dave Broda
Rocky Mountain House	Ty Lund
St. Albert	Mary O'Neill
Sherwood Park	Iris Evans
Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	Colleen Soetaert
Stony Plain	Stan Woloshyn
Strathmore-Brooks	Lyle Oberg
Vegreville-Viking	Ed Stelmach
Vermilion-Lloydminster	Steve West

Wainwright

Robert (Butch) Fischer

West Yellowhead

Ivan Strang

Wetaskiwin-Camrose

LeRoy Johnson

Whitecourt-Ste. Anne

Peter Trynchy

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor 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. Hancock:

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,
- (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

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the duration of the present Legislature, a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

Hon. Mr. Havelock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 49(1) and (3).

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

Hon. Mr. Havelock moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's seven Select Standing and one Special Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

Pham (Chairman)	Clegg	Shariff
Doerksen (Deputy Chairman)	Hierath	Stevens
Carlson	Lougheed	Zwozdesky

LAW AND REGULATIONS (21 Members)

Tarchuk (Chairman)	Dickson	Olsen
Doerksen (Deputy Chairman)	Johnson	Renner
Amery	Kryczka	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Sloan
Boutilier	Leibovici	Thurber
Burgener	MacDonald	Trynchy
Coutts	Melchin	Yankowsky

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (9 Members)

Langevin (Chairman)	Dickson	Jacques
Friedel (Deputy Chairman)	Fritz	O'Neill
Barrett	Hierath	Sapers

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Graham (Chairman)	Herard	Pham
Burgener (Deputy Chairman)	Langevin	Sloan
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Cao	Magnus	Strang
Cardinal	Marz	Tannas
Coutts	McFarland	Tarchuk
Fritz	Paul	Thurber

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

Stevens (Chairman)	Gibbons	Pannu
Boutilier (Deputy Chairman)	Gordon	Renner
Cao	Hlady	Sapers
Clegg	Klapstein	Severtson
Dickson	Kryczka	Strang
Fischer	Leibovici	Tannas
Forsyth	Massey	Tarchuk

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

White (Chairman)	Hierath	O'Neill
Shariff (Deputy Chairman)	Hlady	Pannu
Amery	Johnson	Stevens
Blakeman	Lougheed	Yankowsky
Ducharme	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Friedel	Nicol	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Strang (Chairman)	Cardinal (Deputy Chairman)
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MEMBERS' SERVICES (11 Members)

Kowalski (Chairman)	Doerksen	Olsen
Renner (Deputy Chairman)	Forsyth	Sloan
Barrett	Herard	Wickman
Coutts	Jacques	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:50 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

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 Member, Mr. Frederick Alexander Kidd, Hon. Member for Banff, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on March 22, 1997; and Dr. Hugh Horner, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne and Barrhead, 1967 to 1979, who passed away on March 25, 1997.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 4,572 post-secondary students, faculty and community members throughout Alberta regarding a cap of 20% for costs associated with post-secondary institutions.

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the refusal of Canada Safeway Ltd. to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a settlement to the labour dispute with its unionized employees.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Act, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 3/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Strategy for the 21st Century, Society of Management Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 4/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Change through Leadership, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 5/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 6/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 7/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, Annual Report for the year ending June 1996

Sessional Paper 8/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, Annual Report June 1996

Sessional Paper 9/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 10/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, 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 11/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-8, s12.1(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 12/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-25.01, s7(2):

Psychologists Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 13/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 14/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 90th Annual Report 1996, 1906 to 1996
... a Year of Change

Sessional Paper 15/97

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek:

Letter dated April 11, 1997, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a request for the Auditor General to conduct a full investigation of the Government's financial involvement with the Millar Western pulp mill project

Sessional Paper 16/97

Letter dated April 4, 1997, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a request for the Auditor General to conduct a special investigation into the Government's involvement with Millar Western Pulp (Whitecourt) Ltd.

Sessional Paper 17/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Education, Annual Report and 2nd Annual Results Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 19/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated April 10, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Talib Rajwani, regarding winning the international debating and speaking competition and attached Edmonton Journal article

Sessional Paper 18/97

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 20/97

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 21/97

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2):

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 22/97

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Science and Research Authority Act, cS-5.5, s11(2):

Alberta Science and Research Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 23/97

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

Alberta Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 24/97

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

Report dated February 27, 1997, of a meeting between representatives for 40 Calgary public school councils

Sessional Paper 25/97

182 letters to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, from Calgary parents concerned about special education programs and the restricted criteria for the programs' funding

Sessional Paper 26/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Economic Development and Tourism, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 27/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Alberta Lotteries, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 28/97

Alberta Liquor Control Board, Seventy-second Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 29/97

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 30/97

Alberta Tourism Partnership, Corporate Report Spring 1997

Sessional Paper 31/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Triennial Report 1996
Sessional Paper 32/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Motion Picture Development Act, cM-19.1, s14(2):

Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 33/97

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

Letter dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the appointment of a mediator to resolve the Canada Safeway Ltd. labour dispute
Sessional Paper 34/97

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Alberta Housing Act, cA.-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 35/97

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Alberta Public Affairs Bureau, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 36/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 37/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Health, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 38/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 39/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 40/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 41/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 42/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 43/97

Surface Rights Board, 25th Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 44/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 45/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 46/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 47/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, Annual Report 1995, Protecting the Rights of Alberta's Workers and Employers
Sessional Paper 48/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, Financial Statements of year ended December 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 49/97

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 50/97

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Energy: Alberta Department of Energy; Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 51/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 52/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 53/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 14, 1997, regarding National Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 1997

Sessional Paper 54/97

2 letters dated April 8, 1997, and a letter dated April 13, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, congratulating the 3 JUNO Award winners from Alberta: Ms Terri Clark, Mr. Jeth Weinrich, and Mr. Paul Brandt

Sessional Paper 55/97

Letter dated March 18, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Kevin Martin, congratulating him on winning the 1997 Labatt Brier in Calgary

Sessional Paper 56/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Twenty-third Annual Report to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 57/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 58/97

Speaker's Ruling — Oral Question Period and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, as a result of the distribution of seats between parties from the March 11, 1997 provincial general election, there are a few matters that have had to be reviewed concerning Question Period and Member's Statements. It seems appropriate to comment on these matters before we start the first Question Period of the new Legislature.

A number of the issues have been discussed by House Leaders. The Chair has met with all three House Leaders and wants to thank them all for their efforts. There are a few administrative matters that remain unresolved after those meetings and discussions. The Chair now wishes to clarify those points and generally advise Members of the practices that will be followed.

First, the practice in Question Period of one main question and two supplementary questions without preamble will continue.

With respect to the order of questions, it seems to be agreed by all three House Leaders that the first three main questions, each with two supplementaries, will be asked by the Leader of the Official Opposition or his delegate. There is some difference of opinion as to who should have the fourth question as both the Government House Leader and the New Democrat House Leader submit it should be the Leader of the New Democrat Party or her delegate. The Official Opposition House Leader submits that a Private Member on the Government side should have the fourth question with the Third Party having the fifth. After reviewing and researching the matter, it accords more with the traditions and precedents of this House for the Leader of the Third Party to have the fourth main question (with two supplementaries) and a private Member on the Government side to have the fifth main question. Member's interested in this matter may wish to refer to Speaker Carter's rulings of June 13, 1986 and June 1, 1989.

After the first five main questions of the day and the supplementaries have been asked, the Chair will recognize Members in a fair and representative manner.

In terms of identifying who will be asking questions, the practice will continue of submitting lists of those Members wanting to ask questions to the Speaker no later than one o'clock every afternoon the House sits.

With respect to Member's Statements which occur on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons under Standing Order 7(4), there has been no agreement between House Leaders about making changes to the Standing Orders. As the distribution of seats has changed in the Assembly, there is some change required in the order of these statements. Accordingly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, two Private Members on the Government side may make statements and one Member from the Official Opposition. Every fourth week or eighth day for Member's Statements, a Member from the New Democrats may make a statement.

The Chair is attempting to accommodate all parties in the interests of fairness in accordance with the practices and traditions of this House. Events may necessitate returning to these subjects at some later date.

Before starting upon our first Question Period, the Chair wants to remind all Members that an appropriate level of order and decorum hopefully will be respected at all times. In terms of the rules for Question Period, Members may wish to acquaint or re-acquaint themselves with Beauchesne's, Chapter 10, paragraphs 407-420 and especially paragraph 408, which emphasizes that brevity is a virtue in both questions and answers. Thank you.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following related to Millar Western Pulp Ltd.:

Whitecourt Crown Loan Agreement; Amended and Restated Crown Loan Agreement; Whitecourt Priority Agreement; Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement, and Option Agreement

Sessional Paper 59/97

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the refusal of Canada Safeway Ltd. to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a settlement to the labour dispute with its unionized employees.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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. Mr. Havelock, 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 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, tabled the following:

Alternate Methods of Resolving Family Law Matters, Alberta Experience
Sessional Paper 60/97

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Shariff moved the following motion, seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:25 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 77 members of St. Albert Alliance Church regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 98 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital or Bow Valley site remaining open and operational.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,033 Calgarians regarding a vote on the Calgary General Hospital or Bow Valley site remaining a full service acute care hospital.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 16 members of the All Saints Lutheran Church regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertans retired Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson, medical pioneer Bernard Snell, philanthropist Jenny Belzberg and singer kd lang, for receiving Canada's highest single honour, the Order of Canada.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. McFarland on behalf of Mr. Coutts

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Bill 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

Bill 206 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Renner

Bill 207 Alberta Health Care Accountability and Entitlement Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 209 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Haley

Bill 210 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Memorandum from McManus Thomson, Barristers and Solicitors, to the Alberta Securities Commission, dated January 9, 1997, regarding HRG Health Resource Group Inc. with attached Alberta Form 20 Report

Sessional Paper 61/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Studies in Social Work, Special Issue, Lesbian and Lesbian Families: Multiple Reflections, volume 63, number 3, June 1993 - excerpts

Sessional Paper 62/97

Role of the Father in Child Development, third edition, edited by Michael E. Lamb - excerpts

Sessional Paper 63/97

Interventions for Children of Divorce: Custody, Access, and Psychotherapy, second edition, by William F. Hodges - excerpts

Sessional Paper 64/97

Series Preface, Interventions for Children of Divorce Custody, Access, and Psychotherapy, second edition, by William F. Hodges - excerpts

Sessional Paper 65/97

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

7 letters dated February 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the seven Albertans awarded the Order of Canada: kd lang, Mr. Harold S. Millican, Bernard Snell, Mr. Charles Richard Stelck, Hon. Mr. William Alexander Stevenson, Mr. A. Richard Johnston and Mrs. Jenny Belzberg

Sessional Paper 66/97

Letter dated April 17, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Nick Dehoog, President, Fort McMurray Oil Barons, congratulating their winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship

Sessional Paper 67/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding Workers' Compensation Board records received

Sessional Paper 68/97

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

4 letters dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, congratulating four Albertans awarded the Order of Canada: kd lang, Dr. Bernard Snell, Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson and Jenny Belzberg

Sessional Paper 69/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, made a statement regarding the transition from high school to post-secondary institutions or the workforce, and supporting the implementation of a Career and Technology Studies program (CTS).

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

HRG Health Resource Group Inc., Executive Summary, a Plan for the Organization and Delivery of Complementary Health Services in Canada, April 1997, and accompanying requesting letter to Mr. Jim Saunders, President, Health Resources Group

Sessional Paper 70/97

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 1997, and the vital role of the volunteer sector.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the history and importance of the Calgary General Hospital.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement congratulating the Fort McMurray Oil Barons for winning the AJHL (Alberta Junior Hockey League).

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1997

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 21 to April 24, 1997:

Monday, April 21	P.M.	- Budget Address - 4:00 p.m.
	Eve.	- Government Motion 12 Leader of the Opposition, reply to Budget Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
Tuesday, April 22	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Klein
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply, Day 1
Wednesday, April 23	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply, Day 2 Revert to Introduction of Bills Supplementary Appropriation Bill
Thursday, April 24	P.M.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates - Transportation Second Reading Supplementary Appropriation Bill

Supplementary to Oral Question Period

As a supplementary to an issue raised during Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Alberta Treasury Branches news release dated November 26, 1996, entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches launches new direction for the future"

Sessional Paper 71/97

Third Quarter Update, 1996-97 Quarterly Budget Report, dated February 11, 1997, highlighting Treasury Branches Deposits Fund

Sessional Paper 72/97

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertans retired Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson, medical pioneer Bernard Snell, philanthropist Jenny Belzberg and singer kd lang, for receiving Canada's highest single honour, the Order of Canada.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:48 p.m. until Monday, April 21, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 21, 1997

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 Member, Mr. Tom Donnelly, Hon. Member for Calgary-Millican, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on April 1, 1997.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 20 constituents supporting the principle of direct democracy whereby citizens have the right to introduce legislation through petition and referendum.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 51 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 209 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of the Province of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to provide for a plebiscite vote for the residents of Region 4 as outlined in the Provincial Regional Health Authorities Act, on the following question: Should the Calgary General Hospital, Bow Valley Site, remain open as a full service acute care hospital?

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. White, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Third Legislature, Fourth Session (Spring and Summer Sittings), February 1996 to August 1996
Sessional Paper 73/97

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following addition to Government Motion 13 appearing on notice on the Order Paper:

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.

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 under Standing Order 40, the Legislative Assembly recognize April 21 to 27, 1997 as National Information Rights Week.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Report on Alberta's Participation in the Team Canada Mission: Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, January 8 to 20, 1997

Sessional Paper 74/97

Mr. Langevin, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Redwater By-election held Tuesday, May 21, 1996, by Elections Alberta

Sessional Paper 75/97

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

Letter dated April 21, 1997, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister Responsible for Freedom of Information, regarding seven questions arising from the 1995-96 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, on April 16, 1997

Sessional Paper 76/97

**Speaker's Ruling —
Alleged Allegations Against Member for Calgary Currie**

Honourable Members, we have one point of order outstanding from last Thursday, April 17, 1997. After Question Period that day, the Honourable Government House Leader raised a point of order under Standing Order 23(h) and (i) concerning documents purportedly tabled in the Assembly by the Leader of the New Democrats about the HRG Health Resource Group Inc. In speaking to his point of order, the Government House Leader referred to a document dated April 17, 1997 and stated that it made allegations against the Member for Calgary-Currie.

To review briefly what occurred last Thursday, the Leader of the New Democrats tabled a document during Routine Proceedings that appears to have been filed by or on behalf of the HRG Health Resource Group Inc. with the Alberta Securities Commission. The document is entitled "Form 20" and is now Sessional Paper 61/97. During Question Period, the Honourable Minister of Health filed some correspondence between himself and the HRG company and an executive summary of the activities of that company which is now Sessional Paper 70/97.

Whatever the nature or contents of the document referred to by the Government House Leader, it was not one that was tabled in this Assembly. Furthermore, the Chair has checked Hansard and the Leader of the New Democrats did not refer to the Member for Calgary-Currie in her questions, let alone make any allegations.

The Chair wants all Members to know that it will strive to preserve the integrity of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta and will certainly call Members to order if they make allegations against other Members contrary to our Standing Orders and parliamentary tradition. However, in this case there were no such allegations made in the House. Accordingly, there is no point of order.

On another matter, the Government House Leader indicated during another point of order that he was having some difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Blues. For the benefit of new Members, "the Blues" are the initial or rough draft of Hansard that is made available for review. If there are small errors, Members may request corrections. There are 2 copies of the Blues provided in the Members' Lounge just behind the Chamber, with other copies in the Speaker's Office, the Legislature Library and Hansard offices at the Legislature Annex. They are ready in hard copy approximately one hour after the comments are made but are available in electronic form a bit earlier. If Members have difficulty in obtaining the Blues, please advise the Chair.

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 under Standing Order 40, the Legislative Assembly recognize April 21 to 27, 1997 as National Information Rights Week.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Temporary Recess

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly recessed at 2:39 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1997 – 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), 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. Day:

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. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1997-98 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1997-98 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

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 two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

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.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, 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.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of Budget '97 Post-Election Update, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4:

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1997-98	Sessional Paper 77/97
Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1997-98	Sessional Paper 78/97
Budget '97, Building Alberta Together: Post-Election Update	Sessional Paper 79/97
News release, Budget '97 - Sticking to a Proven Formula for Fiscal Success	Sessional Paper 80/97
Budget '97 Post-Election Update Speech	Sessional Paper 81/97
Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), 1996-97, General Revenue Fund	Sessional Paper 82/97

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Black moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright, presented a petition from 750 residents of the Community of Heisler regarding the proposed June 30, 1997 closure of the Heisler Junior High School by the Battle River School Board.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Pham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, April 1997, regarding the 1995-96 fiscal year and recommendations written and adopted by the 1996-97 Committee

Sessional Paper 83/97

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(2), Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a question of privilege or in the alternative, a claim of contempt of Parliament, the breach being the presence of Government Motion 13 standing on the Order Paper.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize Earth Day and congratulate all those who work to protect the environment in Alberta, not only on Earth Day but on every day of the year.

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 23, 1997:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: 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 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Air Quality in Alberta, January to March 1997, by Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 84/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated April 22, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, in response to questions raised in the Legislative Assembly on April 16, 1997, regarding the reviews of the Crossroads and Mistahia Regional Health Authorities

Sessional Paper 85/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, 8th Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 86/97

Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker reminded all the Honourable Members that under this item of business the Standing Orders requires that you provide the House with four copies of documents for both required and voluntary tablings. Members are urged to provide complete copies of their tablings, which includes ensuring that two-sided copies are indeed complete, and I would ask your co-operation in this matter.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Alberta-Pacific Pulp Project Credit Agreement Among: Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., MC Forest Investment Inc. and Kanzaki Paper Canada Inc. as Borrowers; Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. as Operator; Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta as Lender, dated September 4, 1991, by Field and Field Perraton Masuch, Barristers and Solicitors - Article 3 excerpt

Sessional Paper 87/97

Budget '97, 1997-2000 Fiscal Plan Update, page 73, highlighting Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill Project's Long-term Investments

Sessional Paper 88/97

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Information Rights Week, April 21 to 27, 1997 and the increased access to information through technology.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding a constituent's medical experience with the Capital Health Authority in regards to his access to long-term care.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Earth Day, April 22, 1997, and the 12th Annual National Soil Conservation Week, April 20 to 26, 1997.

**Point of Privilege —
Question of Privilege Concerning Establishment of Subcommittees of Supply**

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(2), Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a possible question of privilege or in the alternative, a claim of contempt of Parliament, the breach being the presence of Government Motion 13 standing on the Order Paper.

A debate followed.

The Speaker ruled regarding the Hon. Opposition House Leader's question of privilege concerning Government Motion 13 which appears on the Order Paper, dealing with the appointment of subcommittees of supply. Under Standing Order 15(2) in our rules the Speaker and any person whose conduct may be called into question are to be provided with written notice at least two hours before the opening of the sitting. The Speaker's office received the written notice from the Opposition House Leader at 12 o'clock noon, which is less than two hours before the opening of the sitting. Needless to say, of course, under Standing Order 15(5) a Member may rise on a question of privilege immediately after the words are spoken or events occur, but that is not the situation this afternoon.

The Chair would like to point out that even if the notice was provided on time, the purported question of privilege would seem to be premature, as Government Motion 13 has not been moved. It's simply on the Order Paper as notice. In the Chair's experience, there are occasions when Government Motions appear on the Order Paper but are not necessarily moved. Accordingly, the question of privilege will not proceed, as the required notice was not provided and because it is inappropriate at this time.

Now, in anticipation, to all Members: should the motion be moved, the Chair no doubt recognizes that the matter would probably be raised again then, but the Chair would like to point out several things in anticipation and not to foresee the debate that may occur. The Chair would ask that all Members read Standing Orders 57(4), which allows expressly that Members who are not Members of subcommittees that may be appointed, do have the right to attend any meetings.

Furthermore, the Chair would like to draw to all Members' attention the gist of Speaker Schumacher's ruling of February 26, 1996. His ruling was that, following the rules of the House as an example, the establishment of subcommittees could not be a breach of privilege. So as to where we're at in dealing with the current matter, I repeat: this question of privilege will not proceed, as required notice was not provided, number one, and because it is inappropriate at this time.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize Earth Day and congratulate all those who work to protect the environment in Alberta, not only on Earth Day but on every day of the year.

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 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Jacques speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that committees dealing with policy development have representation from both Government and Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Smith on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, moved adjournment of debate on the motion as amended, establishing subcommittees of the Committee of Supply. The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Black	Havelock	Melchin
Burgener	Herard	Oberg
Cao	Hlady	Pham
Cardinal	Jacques	Renner
Clegg	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Shariff
Day	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Laing	Strang
Evans	Langevin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Thurber
Friedel	Magnus	West
Fritz	Mar	Woloshyn
Haley	Marz	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	Nicol	Sapers
Bonner	Olsen	Sloan
Dickson	Pannu	Soetaert
Gibbons		

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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 1996-97 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, 1997, for the Ministry and purposes indicated:

Education

\$29,300,000 Operating Expense

Family and Social Services

\$5,225,000 Capital Investment

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

Sessional Paper 94/97

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 copies of amendments agreed to, in relation to this resolution considered this day, for the official records of the Assembly:

Amendment proposed by Hon. Mr. Havelock — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 89/97

Amendment proposed by Mr. Sapers — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 93/97

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

Gordon (Chair)	Hierath	Oberg
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Pannu
Cardinal	Johnson	Paul
Ducharme	Lougheed	Sapers
Dunford	Mar	Zwozdesky
Friedel	Massey	

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Doerksen	Kryczka
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Forsyth	Leibovici
Barrett	Fritz	McClellan
Blakeman	Graham	Melchin
Bonner	Hancock	Olsen
Calahasen	Havelock	Tarchuk
Cao	Jonson	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Marz	Stelmach
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	McFarland	Stevens
Clegg	Nicol	Strang
Evans	Pannu	Thurber
Gibbons	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Klapstein	Shariff	Woloshyn
Leibovici	Soetaert	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Carlson	Paul
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Amery	Herard	Sapers
Barrett	Langevin	Smith
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Nicol	

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3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, 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
Provincial Treasurer

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Executive Council
Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

Subcommittee C

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

Subcommittee D

Economic Development and Tourism
Energy
Science, Research and Information Technology

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.

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):

Environmental Protection

Boutilier (Chair)	Gibbons	Nicol
Amery	Langevin	Pannu
Carlson	Magnus	Strang
Coutts	Marz	Yankowsky

Family and Social Services

Laing (Chair)	Carlson	Kryczka
Barrett	Johnson	Melchin
Cao	Lougheed	Shariff
Cardinal	Olsen	Sloan

Health

Forsyth (Chair)	Dickson	Sloan
Barrett	Doerksen	Tarchuk
Broda	Fritz	Thurber
Clegg	Sapers	Pham

Justice and Attorney General

Jacques (Chair)	Graham	Olsen
Dickson	Hierath	Pannu
Ducharme	Hlady	Sapers
Friedel	O'Neill	Stevens

Labour

Haley (Chair)	Gordon	Pannu
Bonner	Herard	Paul
Burgener	Klapstein	Pham
Fischer	MacDonald	Renner

Sessional Paper 90/97

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table a copy of a motion agreed to this day by Committee of Supply, changing the membership of the Designated Supply Subcommittees, for the official records of the Assembly:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock, that the membership to the Designated Supply Subcommittees be changed as follows:

on Health, replace Mr. Pham with Mr. Severtson

on Justice and Attorney General, replace Mr. Jacques with Ms Haley

on Labour, replace Ms Haley with Mr. Jacques

Sessional Paper 92/97

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies 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):

Environmental Protection

Family and Social Services

Health

Justice and Attorney General

Labour

Sessional Paper 91/97

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 20 Albertans regarding the review and revision of procedures for eligibility requirements for financial subsidy under the Capital Region Housing Corporation.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 76 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Notices of Motions

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate Rio Terrace Elementary School for being the third school in Edmonton, and the fifteenth school in the Province, to achieve Earth School status.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11.1, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 95/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 96/97

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Financial Statements March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 116/97

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Health of the Region Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 117/97

Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report April 1, 1995, to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 97/97

Chinook Health Region, Alberta Health, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 98/97

Westview Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 99/97

Peace Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 100/97

East Central Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 101/97

Regional Health Authority 5, Annual Report 1995-96, Partners in Health

Sessional Paper 102/97

Regional Health Authority 5, Financial Statements March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 118/97

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 103/97

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

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 104/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 105/97

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

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 115/97

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

Submission by the Alberta Civil Trials Lawyers Association to the Proposed
Uniform Class Proceedings Act
Sessional Paper 106/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

15 letters dated April 23, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to
schools in Alberta who have achieved the status of Earth School under the
SEEDS program
Sessional Paper 107/97

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

72 letters dated February 21, 1997, from concerned Albertans to Hon. Mr. Mar,
Minister of Education, regarding the funding levels for education
Sessional Paper 108/97

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

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation, by the
Ethics Commissioner, into Allegations Involving the Honourable the Premier,
dated April 21, 1997
Sessional Paper 109/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry,
tabled the following:

Treasury Department's Election Costing of Alberta Liberal Campaign Promises,
excerpt highlighting the estimated annual cost to rebate seniors' tax dollars
Sessional Paper 110/97

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Errata: Budget '97, 1997-2000 Fiscal Plan Update, highlighting Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill Project's long-term investment updated to show accrued interest, in response to the issue raised by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, April 22, 1997

Sessional Paper 111/97

Letter dated April 23, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Peter Valentine, FCA, Auditor General, requesting a review of outstanding loans, loan guarantees and long-term investments

Sessional Paper 112/97

Public Accounts - excerpt page detailing the financial agreement with Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries (Al-Pac)

Sessional Paper 113/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 15, 1997, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding action taken by the Calgary Police Service against striking Safeway workers

Sessional Paper 114/97

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate Rio Terrace Elementary School for being the third school in Edmonton, and the fifteenth school in the Province, to achieve Earth School status.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR5, MR11, MR12.

**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 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

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

Bill 203 Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:14 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to three minutes for the remainder of this sitting day.

The Chairman called for consideration of the motion proposing the establishment of the 4 subcommittees of the Committee of Supply.

Written notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

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, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Amery	Graham	Marz
Broda	Haley	McClellan
Burgener	Hancock	McFarland
Calahasen	Havelock	O'Neill
Cao	Hierath	Paszkowski
Coutts	Hlady	Pham
Doerksen	Jacques	Shariff
Dunford	Johnson	Stelmach
Evans	Jonson	Stevens
Fischer	Kryczka	Strang
Forsyth	Laing	Thurber
Friedel	Lougheed	Yankowsky
Gordon	Magnus	

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	White
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

A debate followed.

Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the question being put on the motion, as amended, proposing the establishment of 4 subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, the motion as amended was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Amery	Haley	Marz
Broda	Hancock	McClellan
Burgener	Havelock	McFarland
Cao	Hierath	O'Neill
Coutts	Hlady	Paszkowski
Day	Jacques	Pham
Doerksen	Johnson	Renner
Dunford	Jonson	Shariff
Evans	Kryczka	Stelmach
Fischer	Laing	Stevens
Forsyth	Lougheed	Strang
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Gordon	Mar	Yankowsky
Graham		

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	White
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

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

Gordon (Chair)	Hierath	Oberg
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Pannu
Cardinal	Johnson	Paul
Ducharme	Lougheed	Sapers
Dunford	Mar	Zwozdesky
Friedel	Massey	

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Doerksen	Kryczka
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Forsyth	Leibovici
Barrett	Fritz	McClellan
Blakeman	Graham	Melchin
Bonner	Hancock	Olsen
Calahasen	Havelock	Tarchuk
Cao	Jonson	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Marz	Stelmach
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	McFarland	Stevens
Clegg	Nicol	Strang
Evans	Pannu	Thurber
Gibbons	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Klapstein	Shariff	Woloshyn
Leibovici	Soetaert	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Carlson	Paul
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Amery	Herard	Sapers
Barrett	Langevin	Smith
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Nicol	

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3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, 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
Provincial Treasurer

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Executive Council
Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

Subcommittee C

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

Subcommittee D

Economic Development and Tourism
Energy
Science, Research and Information Technology

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.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1996-97 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, 1997, for the Ministry and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$5,500,000	Operating Expense
\$375,000	Capital Investment

Health

\$124,513,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$58,000,000 Operating Expense

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

Sessional Paper 119/97

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a resolution proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, and reports approval thereof. I am tabling a copy of this resolution, as amended, for the official records of the Assembly.

Sessional Paper 120/97

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 6 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:38 p.m. until Thursday, April 24, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24, 1997

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

Speaker's Statement — Historic Event

Honourable Members, before proceeding, the Chair would like to draw to the attention of all Honourable Members a historic event that occurred last night during Committee of Supply. For the first time in the history of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, the Presiding Officer and the Table Officers were all women. The Chair, and I'm sure all Members, are pleased to recognize for the records of the Assembly that the Honourable Member for Lacombe-Stettler, Mrs. Judy Gordon, Mrs. Kamuchik, the Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, and Ms Shannon Dean, Parliamentary Counsel, were the participants in this historic event.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 27 Leduc residents, members of the Leduc Community Baptist Church, regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 16 Edmonton residents, members of the Cornerstone Community Church, regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 919 Pincher Creek and Crowsnest Pass area residents regarding the treatment of seniors being sent out of their home base for long-term care.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to review and revise procedures for eligibility requirements for financial subsidy under the Capital Region Housing Corporation.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Child Poverty: What are the Consequences? - Centre for International Statistics, Canadian Council on Social Development chart book written by David P. Ross, Katherine Scott and Mark Kelly

Sessional Paper 121/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., Annual Information Form, dated March 13, 1997, pages 17-18, highlighting the Al-Pac Pulp capital cost and financing

Sessional Paper 122/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Transcript of a speech entitled "Privatizing Alberta," written by Hon. Mr. West - 4 page excerpt highlighting the privatization of the Alberta Liquor Control Board properties

Sessional Paper 123/97

Members' Statements

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, read an excerpt from correspondence received from a family relating to the loss of their two daughters on June 23, 1996 in an automobile accident involving an impaired driver, and the need for stronger legislation pertaining to impaired drivers.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement requesting a response by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to a letter written by a constituent, Mr. Malowany, regarding provincial loan guarantees, and in particular that of Millar Western.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of setting education policy priorities, the role of school trustees and support for a standing policy on education.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 28 to May 1, 1997:

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| Monday, April 28 | P.M. | - Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates Days 2 and 3 |
| | | Subcommittees |
| | | (C) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Assembly) |
| | | (D) Energy (Room 512, Legislature Building) |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 6, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997 |
| Tuesday, April 29 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates Days 4 and 5 |
| | | Subcommittees |
| | | (B) Executive Council (Assembly) |
| | | (A) Advanced Education and Career Development (Room 512, Legislature Building) |

			<p>Third Reading</p> <p>Bill 6, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997</p>
Wednesday, April 30	Eve.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Committee of Supply</p> <p>Main Estimates Days 6 and 7</p> <p>Subcommittees</p> <p>(C) Municipal Affairs (Assembly)</p> <p>(D) Economic Development and Tourism (Room 512, Legislature Building)</p> <p>Second Reading</p> <p>Bill 7, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997</p>
Thursday, May 1	P.M.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Committee of Supply</p> <p>Main Estimates Days 8 and 9</p> <p>Subcommittees</p> <p>(A) Education (Designated) (Assembly)</p> <p>(B) Community Development (Room 512, Legislature Building)</p> <p>Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Bill 7, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997</p>

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon 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.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
(Day 5)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, April 28, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 190 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 144 Albertans regarding a request to hold a public inquiry into the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, presented a petition from 41 Albertans regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following change to the following Committee be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Klapstein replace Mr. Friedel.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta Community Development news release dated April 28, 1997, entitled "Creative Library Award kicks off first Alberta Library Week"

Sessional Paper 124/97

Alberta Seniors Benefit Program: Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Seniors' Income Information, dated January 1997

Sessional Paper 125/97

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-9, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 126/97

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

Golden Years - Hidden Fears, Elder Abuse: A Handbook for Front-line Helpers Working with Seniors, book authored by Virginia Boyack

Sessional Paper 127/97

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-13.2 s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council of Alberta, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 128/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated April 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Christy and Carlee Panyluk congratulating them for receiving the YTV Achievement Award for Entrepreneurship

Sessional Paper 129/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic outlook and future challenges to be addressed at the Alberta Growth Summit, September 29-30, 1997. The forum, co-chaired by Dr. Mike Percy, will gather 80 leaders to discuss the future of quality services, sustainable growth and Government policies in Alberta and will include facilitators: Mr. Ken Rostad, Ms Hewes, Ms Gail D. Surkan, Ms Dee Parkinson-Marcoux and Mr. Don Mazankowski.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, made a statement regarding April 28, 1997 being the Day of Mourning for Alberta workers killed or injured on the job.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1) in order to move the following motion:

15. Be it resolved that the following change to the following Committee be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Klapstein replace Mr. Friedel.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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. Broda moved adjournment of 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., it was agreed at 5:19 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, APRIL 28, 1997

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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.

The Committee of Supply has also 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 Mrs. Gordon during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Energy:

Recorded vote on the motion to rise and report from Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D)

Sessional Paper 130/97

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 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:

Bill 6 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:55 p.m. until Tuesday, April 29, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in Legislature assembled to urge the Government of Alberta to hold a public inquiry into the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta.

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

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 30, 1997:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 9 Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

- Bill 7 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

- Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Three Year Primary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1997/98 - 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 131/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Memorandum dated April 29, 1997, from Betty L. Screpnek, Chair, Workers' Compensation Board, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding documents tabled by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on April 17, 1997

Sessional Paper 132/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Transportation and Utilities, Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets, in clarification of the amounts shown in the Ministry Consolidated Income Statement for Gains or Losses, Budget '97 Post-Election Update

Sessional Paper 133/97

Graph depicting the Federal Government's health, post-secondary education, and social transfers from 1995 through to the year 2000

Sessional Paper 134/97

News release dated November 30, 1995, entitled "Health, Family and Social Services and Advanced Education protected from cuts in Federal transfers"

Sessional Paper 135/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-7, s27:

Office of the Ombudsman, 30th Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 136/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated April 24, 1997, from Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration April 29, 1997

Sessional Paper 137/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, made a statement regarding the Alberta Government challenge, under the Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade, of the federal MMT (methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl) legislation banning the gasoline additive.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, tabled the following:

Order in Council 405/93 dated July 7, 1993, pursuant to the Liquor Control Act, approving the sale by Alberta Liquor Control Board of a property to Greenfield Plastics Corporation

Sessional Paper 138/97

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the first annual Library Week, April 27 to May 3, 1997, and the role of public libraries.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the treatment of three particular children by the Department of Family and Social Services.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program, and the new Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Council.

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 Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that committees dealing with policy development have representation from both Government and Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Barrett	MacDonald	Sapers
Blakeman	Massey	Sloan
Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Carlson	Nicol	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

Against the motion: 48

Amery	Graham	McFarland
Black	Haley	Melchin
Boutilier	Havelock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Johnson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tannas
Dunford	Lund	Trynchy
Friedel	Magnus	West
Fritz	Marz	Woloshyn
Gordon	McClellan	Yankowsky

502. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to install kilometre marker signs along the Highway #2 corridor between Calgary and Edmonton as a means of providing more accurate location descriptions for stranded motorists and response locations for local emergency services.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Coutts speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 7)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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. Sapers moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:27 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

On the motion to concur in the report of Subcommittee B reporting progress on consideration of the estimates of Executive Council, the question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Burgener	Havelock	Melchin
Calahasen	Hierath	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Oberg
Cardinal	Jacques	Paszkowski
Day	Johnson	Renner
Doerksen	Kryczka	Severtson
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Friedel	Lund	Strang
Fritz	Marz	Tarchuk
Gordon	McClellan	Yankowsky
Graham		

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Paul
Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Olsen	Zwozdesky

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has also 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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:40 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 19 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 77 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 30, 1997, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Board of Directors, CKUA Radio, offering congratulations on the return of the radio station to the air

Sessional Paper 139/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated April 3, 1995, from Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca, to Mr. Lyle Donald, Acting President, Metis Nation of Alberta Association, confirming the approval of a grant to the Metis Nation of Alberta Association

Sessional Paper 140/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Public Accounts 1994-95, pages 212 and 226, highlighting the Canadian Western Bank statement of guarantees and indemnities given by the Crown and Provincial Corporations for the years ending March 31, 1995 and March 31, 1996, in response to a question raised during Oral Question Period the previous day by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek

Sessional Paper 141/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-33, s32:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 142/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 143/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 144/97

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

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.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, dated December 1994, page 4, highlighting the viability of privatization

Sessional Paper 145/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Article entitled "Perverting principles" regarding the plan for children's services in Alberta, by Bernd Walter

Sessional Paper 146/97

Child Protection, Appendix A, page 9, by Region 10 Steering Committee, Office of the Commissioner of Services for Children and Families, highlighting comments regarding child welfare workers

Sessional Paper 147/97

Position paper entitled "Safety, security and development of children: a response to the redesign of children's services," dated April 7, 1997, by WORCS (Workers Opposed to the Redesign of Children's Services)

Sessional Paper 148/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR5, MR11, MR12, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24, MR25.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 2:

- 2.1 The court, may, on application by a party to a family law proceeding, excuse the applicant from paying all or part of a fee that may be charged under the regulations if, in the opinion of the court, the applicant cannot afford the payment.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 35

Bonner	Hancock	Olsen
Boutilier	Havelock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Herard	Shariff
Cao	Klapstein	Sloan
Cardinal	Kryczka	Soetaert
Dickson	Laing	Stelmach
Ducharme	Leibovici	Stevens
Forsyth	Lougheed	Strang
Fritz	MacDonald	Tarchuk
Gibbons	McFarland	White
Graham	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Haley	O'Neill	

Against the amendment: 22

Burgener	Hlady	McClellan
Clegg	Jacques	Melchin
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Day	Jonson	Renner
Doerksen	Langevin	Severtson
Dunford	Lund	Woloshyn
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Hierath		

The question being put on the remaining clauses, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the remaining clauses: 46

Bonner	Graham	Nicol
Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Burgener	Herard	Olsen
Calahasen	Hlady	Paszkowski
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Clegg	Klapstein	Shariff
Day	Kryczka	Stelmach
Dickson	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Dunford	MacDonald	White
Evans	Marz	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Gibbons		

Against the remaining clauses: 13

Black	Hierath	Melchin
Coutts	Jonson	Pham
Friedel	Leibovici	Sloan
Haley	Lund	Soetaert
Havelock		

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Clegg, 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 201 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview)
— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 160/97

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Amendment to Bill 201 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 161/97

Amendment to Bill 201 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 162/97

Amendment to Bill 201 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
on division

Sessional Paper 163/97

Mr. Clegg, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of documents tabled
by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, during
Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Parenting After Separation
Act:

Parenting After Separation: Participant's Manual, A Program Developed by:
The Departments of Alberta Justice and Alberta Family and Social Services
Sessional Paper 149/97

Parenting After Separation: Participant's Manual, Practice Note No. B,
regarding attendance of the Divorcing Parents' Orientation Seminar offered
by Court Services

Sessional Paper 150/97

Parenting After Separation: Participant's Manual, Appendix B, regarding
application for exemption of attendance of the Divorcing Parents'
Orientation Seminar offered by Court Services

Sessional Paper 151/97

Edmonton Sun article dated February 3, 1997, entitled "Divorce, Canadian
style: confidential report recommends mandatory 12-week course prior to
separation"

Sessional Paper 152/97

Letter dated April 23, 1997, from Mark L. Genuis, Executive Director,
NFFRE (National Foundation for Family Research and Education), to
Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding
Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 153/97

Letter dated April 16, 1997, from Michaela Parkin, President, Calgary
Youth for Life, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clairview, regarding Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 154/97

Letter dated April 15, 1997, from Corry Morcos, Western Canada Social Concerns Coordinator, Women Alive, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 155/97

Letter dated April 16, 1997, from Maureen Lawrence, Executive Director, Family Life Center, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding Bill 203 (sic Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act)

Sessional Paper 156/97

Letter dated April 16, 1997, from Hermina Dykxhoorn, President, Alberta Federation of Women United For Families, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 157/97

Letter dated April 15, 1997, from Corry Morcos, Edmonton Chapter President, Alberta Federation of Women United For Families, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 158/97

Letter dated April 23, 1997, from Ruth Svitich to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, regarding Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act

Sessional Paper 159/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:11 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1997 — 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 Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (Subcommittee D), 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 7 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:53 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, presented a petition from 243 Edmonton area residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Citizenship 2000: Final Report, dated October 9, 1996, prepared by Michael Bates, CIAS (Calgary Immigrant Aid Society)

Sessional Paper 164/97

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

Letter dated May 1, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, to the Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey Team, offering congratulations for winning the WHL (World Hockey League) Championship

Sessional Paper 165/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s7, s9:

Ministry Business Plans, 1997-2000 of Alberta Treasury, dated March 1997

Sessional Paper 166/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s78(1):

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 167/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 168/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 4: Financial Statements of Universities, Public Colleges, Technical Institutes and Health Agencies

Sessional Paper 169/97

Hon. Mr. Day, 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, for the Year Ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 170/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 171/97

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Investment Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 172/97

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter Investment Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 173/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Quarterly Budget Report, Second Quarter Update 1996-97

Sessional Paper 174/97

Quarterly Budget Report, Third Quarter Update 1996-97

Sessional Paper 175/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding the 21st Annual Highway Clean-up Campaign, May 3, 1997, by volunteers of various youth organizations.

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated May 7, 1992, from David Steeves, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, Executive Council, to Hon. Mr. Johnston, Provincial Treasurer, regarding establishment of a Treasury Branch Advisory Board

Sessional Paper 176/97

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding the expansion of Amoco Canada Petroleum, with a new polyethylene plant in Joffre.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding Alberta Treasury Branches, and possible future options to meet financial challenges.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the differentiation of the tax credit for charitable and political contributions.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 5 to May 8, 1997:

Monday, May 5	P.M.	- Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		As per Order Paper
		Bills 2, 4, 5, 8, 9
		Third Reading
		Bill 7
		Government Motions
		No. 16, Speech from the Throne Engrossed
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates Days 10 and 11

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Subcommittees

(D) Science, Research and
Information Technology
(Assembly)

(C) Public Works, Supply and
Services (Room 512, Legislature
Building)

Third Reading

Bill 7

Tuesday, May 6

(4:30)

- **Royal Assent**

Bills 6, 7

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Bills 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Days 12 and 13

Subcommittees

(A) Provincial Treasurer
(Assembly)

(B) Federal and
Intergovernmental Affairs
(Room 512, Legislature Building)

Wednesday, May 7

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 14

Reporting: Agriculture, Food and
Rural Development; Energy;
Education (Assembly)

Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Bills 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9

Thursday, May 8

P.M. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 15

Economic Development and
 Tourism (Designated) (Assembly)

Reporting: Public Works, Supply
 and Services; Municipal Affairs

Second Reading or

Committee of the Whole or

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Bills 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9

Speaker's Ruling — Answers by Non-Ministers During Question Period

The Chair has been asked outside the Chamber to elaborate on its brief ruling of April 24, 1997 concerning Private Members answering questions during Question Period. Honourable Members may recall that the issue arose when the Honourable Member for Lacombe-Stettler was asked a question in her capacity as Chair of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Secretariat. As this is early in the life of the 24th Legislature, the Chair wants to clarify this matter for the benefit of all Members.

In the ruling last Thursday, the Chair drew upon several previous Speaker's rulings on this point, in particular Speaker's rulings of October 7, 1993, November 7, 1994 and May 15, 1995. The gist of these rulings is that the purpose of Question Period is for Members to hold the Government accountable for its actions. Clearly, there can be no other finding by the Chair as the principle of the Executive being responsible to the Assembly is the cornerstone of responsible government in this country. In his text, *Constitutional Law in Canada* (3rd edition) Peter Hogg goes so far as to say that "Responsible government is probably the most important non-federal characteristic of the Canadian Constitution."

In the Province of Alberta, the Executive is composed of the members of Executive Council, all of whom have taken and subscribed to the oath for Cabinet Ministers. These are the individuals who speak for the Government in this Assembly.

Therefore, any questions relating to Government policy should be directed to and answered by the Member of Executive Council responsible for the area. As the Chair indicated last Thursday, there are a few exceptions that have developed over the years:

1. Questions may be put to and answered by Chairs of Standing Policy Committees but must relate only to procedural matters such as agendas or activities of the respective Committee as the Chairs are private Members and not members of the Executive;
2. Questions may be asked directly of Members who chair Committees of the Assembly but this would be a narrow range as these Committees are not part of Government. Certainly, it would be highly unusual for these Members to supplement answers by Ministers;
3. In accordance with the practice of this Assembly, questions may be put to Members who chair statutorily created Boards, Committees or Commissions but must relate directly to their responsibilities as an executive of that body. Once again, these individuals cannot speak for the Government so questions of policy must go to a member of Executive Council.

The Chair realizes that situations may develop that will require returning to this issue. However, the Chair wanted to clarify the traditions and practices of this Assembly for all Members, and the Chair will not be forwarding a copy of this written statement as it will be included in Hansard, which all Members will have in the next day.

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)

After some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Education:

Letter fax-dated April 14, 1997, from Michael Bryant to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding fundraising activities of schools

Sessional Paper 177/97

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Education:

Early School Leavers Longitudinal Study: 1996, Edmonton Public Schools report dated November 12, 1996

Sessional Paper 178/97

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until Monday, May 5, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Burgener, Deputy Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company for the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act;

of the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company and Montreal Trust Company for the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act;

of Karl Ewoniak and Gerald Chipeur for the Trans Global Insurance Company Act;

of Karl Ewoniak and Gerald Chipeur for the Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act;

of Kenneth Garnet McKay for the Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act;

of Gerald Chipeur and Victor Fitch for the Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997; and

of Dwight Bliss, John MacKay and Gerald Chipeur for the Altasure Insurance Company Act.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that this House invite Mr. Rick Hansen to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, May 8, 1997, and that this address be the first order of business after Orders of the Day is called. The ordinary business of the Assembly will resume upon the conclusion of Mr. Hansen's address.

Be it further resolved that Mr. Hansen's address become part of the permanent record of the Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Credit Counselling Services of Alberta: Questions and Answers, dated May 5, 1997

Sessional Paper 179/97

Auditor General report regarding CKUA Radio Foundation, dated April 30, 1997, and accompanying Alberta Municipal Affairs news release, dated May 5, 1997, entitled "Government shocked at Auditor General's findings on CKUA"

Sessional Paper 180/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, 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 1995-96

Sessional Paper 181/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Provincial Health Council of Alberta report dated January 1997, entitled "Health checkup on the journey to health reform: report card on the status of health reform in Alberta, health system at a crossroads"

Sessional Paper 182/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Petition signed by 25 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta

Sessional Paper 183/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated May 5, 1997, entitled "Government offers support to 700 aboriginal athletes"

Sessional Paper 184/97

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Formal Accord for the Shared Stewardship of Public Lands, signed by Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, and Hon. Mr. Isley, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, dated February 24, 1993

Sessional Paper 185/97

News release dated January 28, 1993, entitled "Stewardship of public lands to be shared"

Sessional Paper 186/97

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek:

Letter dated May 5, 1997, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Mr. Victor Stepovy, General Manager, and Mr. Dennis Kowalishin, Coach of the Edmonton UKES Hockey Team, offering congratulations for winning the International Kontakt Cup

Sessional Paper 187/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 5, 1997, from Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 201, Parenting After Separation Act, come up for Third Reading consideration Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Sessional Paper 188/97

Oral Question Period

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

2 graphs depicting 1996 funding on environmental initiatives in Alberta, comparing the cities of Edmonton and Calgary and the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

Sessional Paper 189/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), with Ms Sloan speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor'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. Shariff and seconded by Ms O'Neill:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor 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

16. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, April 30, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, moved the following motion:

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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, MAY 5, 1997

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a Chairman's ruling given this day in Committee of Supply for the official records of the Assembly:

Chairman's ruling regarding departments designated by the Leader of the Official Opposition under Standing Order 58(4)

Sessional Paper 190/97

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 7 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 15 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 315 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling 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, May 7, 1997:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns: MR4, MR5.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Langevin

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

Bill 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Langevin

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Centennial Food Corporation loan agreement overview details, and a letter dated October 17, 1994, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, former Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Dr. Percy regarding the confidential nature of commercial agreements

Sessional Paper 191/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-5, s52(5):

Inspection of Animals under the Universities Act, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 192/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1995-96, Building Partnerships for the Future

Sessional Paper 193/97

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

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN), Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 194/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Stakeholder Consultation Process Proposed Amendments to the Licensed Practical Nurses Regulation, dated April 1997

Sessional Paper 195/97

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

Letter dated April 30, 1997, from Alderman Dale Hodges, Chairman, Finance and Budget Committee, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the 1997 taxation equalized assessment

Sessional Paper 196/97

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested to distribute pins depicting the importance of Dutch elm disease to the members of Executive Council. The Speaker requested that these be made available to all the Members of the Assembly, to which Mr. Gibbons agreed to comply with.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22-1, s44(2):

Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 197/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Loan Agreement as of September 29, 1992, between: Province of Alberta Treasury Branches; North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd.; Raymond G. Collins, Kenneth Roy Haak, and Anthony Clare Anderson; and 529667 Alberta Ltd.

Sessional Paper 198/97

Appeal judgement issued by the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division, regarding Scott Steel Ltd. (Plaintiff); the Ship Recorded in the Port of Edmonton under the name "The Alarissa" bearing record no. 420, and commonly known as "The Edmonton Queen" and, North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd. operating under the name and style "North Saskatchewan Riverboat Co." and the owners and all others interested in the Ship (Defendants); and Province of Alberta Treasury Branches (Intervenor)

Sessional Paper 199/97

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Workers' Compensation Board news release dated May 6, 1997, entitled "Injured worker satisfaction with WCB increased according to survey"

Sessional Paper 200/97

Survey conducted by Criterion Research Corp. (Edmonton), on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 201/97

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 17, 1997 from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Hon. Mr. Allan Rock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding gang related violence

Sessional Paper 202/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the North American Indigenous Games to be held August 3-10, 1997 in Victoria, British Columbia.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the legal employment status of part-time workers, and the disproportionate ratio of these workers being women.

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the flood damage in Peace River and commending the corporate financial assistance offered by way of the Peace River Disaster Fund.

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:

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 201, the Parenting After Separation Act, 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, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Broda	Lund	Pham
Carlson	MacDonald	Sapers
Friedel	Massey	Sloan
Gibbons	Mitchell	Soetaert
Gordon	Nicol	White
Haley	Olsen	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 46

Amery	Hancock	Melchin
Black	Havelock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hierath	Oberg
Burgener	Hlady	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Jacques	Renner
Cao	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Smith
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Day	Kryczka	Stevens
Dickson	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lougheed	Thurber
Fischer	Marz	Trynchy
Forsyth	McClellan	West
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Graham		

The question for Third reading of Bill 201 being immediately put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Amery	Fritz	Marz
Boutilier	Graham	McClellan
Burgener	Hancock	Nicol
Calahasen	Jacques	O'Neill
Cao	Johnson	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Day	Kryczka	Severtson
Dickson	Laing	Stevens
Ducharme	Langevin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lougheed	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 35

Barrett	Havelock	Olsen
Black	Hierath	Pannu
Blakeman	Hlady	Pham
Broda	Jonson	Sapers
Carlson	Leibovici	Sloan
Coutts	Lund	Smith
Dunford	MacDonald	Soetaert
Fischer	Massey	Thurber
Friedel	McFarland	Trynchy
Gibbons	Melchin	West
Gordon	Mitchell	White
Haley	Oberg	

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to install kilometre marker signs along the Highway #2 corridor between Calgary and Edmonton as a means of providing more accurate location descriptions for stranded motorists and response locations for local emergency services.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

503. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Medicare Protection Act which enshrines in legislation the five principles of the Canada Health Act, ensures that all medically necessary services continue to be funded solely through public health care insurance and prohibits within Alberta the provision of medically necessary services for which a fee is charged to the patient or to a non-public insurer.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

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 title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 6 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1997
- 7 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1997

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.

Government Motions

17. Oral notice having been given Monday, May 5, 1997, Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that this House invite Mr. Rick Hansen to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, May 8, 1997, and that this address be the first order of business after Orders of the Day is called. The ordinary business of the Assembly will resume upon the conclusion of Mr. Hansen's address.

Be it further resolved that Mr. Hansen's address become part of the permanent record of the Assembly.

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 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers moved adjournment of 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., it was agreed at 5:27 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1997 — 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 Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Subcommittee B), 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 Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 4 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 9 Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

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 death of former Member, Mr. Tom Lysons, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Viking, 1975 to 1986, who recently passed away.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, presented a petition from 32 residents of Stony Plain regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 82 residents of Leduc regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, May 5, 1997 on my behalf by the Deputy Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and can advise the House that all but 2 of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has considered the remaining petitions and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Orders 89(1)(b) and 89(2) be waived for the petition for Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 and the Altasure Insurance Company Act, subject to petitioners completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioners.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

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

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta Ltd., overview report
Sessional Paper 203/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Office of the Farmers Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 204/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Victims' Programs Assistance Act, cV-3.5, s11(2):

Victims' Programs Assistance Committee, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 205/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, tabled the following:

Summary sheet of findings for children who died while receiving Child Protection Services
Sessional Paper 206/97

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Alberta Form 20, Securities Act, report under section 108(1) of the Securities Act, dated May 25, 1995, regarding purchase of Bre-X Minerals Ltd. securities by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 207/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated January 20, 1997, from the Staff Housing Coordinator to Rangers-in-Charge, listing housing units the Revolving Fund had requested be declared as surplus

Sessional Paper 208/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Speaker's Ruling — Written Questions and Motions for Returns

Hon. Members, prior to getting involved in what we are now going to do, this is the first time that newly elected Hon. Members will undergo this experience which occurs periodically during the session, usually once a week. I'd just like to remind all Hon. Members of the rules that we will follow.

I want to quote from Hansard, pages 2442 and 2443 of October 19, 1994. If all Hon. Members would look at their Order Paper, and if you look at today's Order Paper on page 2 under Written Questions.

"... the Chair will rule that when a Member's written question is called, the Member must actually move: written question number so and so standing on the Order Paper in my name be accepted. Someone from the Government should then say whether the Government accepts, rejects, or moves an amendment to the written question. Written questions would then be treated like motions for returns, that is, they can be accepted, rejected, amended, and debated as necessary ..."

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ9. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the total annual amount spent by the Government to calculate, process, and communicate Alberta Health Care Insurance premium subsidies and exemptions for senior citizens, low income working Albertans, and social assistance recipients, including, but not restricted to: salaries, wages, benefits, postage, envelopes, forms, telephones, office space, communications, terminals, systems support, systems processing time, and support overhead?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the total annual amount spent by the Government to bill, process, and collect, Alberta Health Care Insurance premiums including, but not restricted to: salaries, wages, benefits, postage, envelopes, forms, telephones, office space, communications, terminals, systems support, systems processing time, and support overhead?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

With respect to the Province's hosting of the 1996 Annual Premiers' Conference at Jasper, Alberta, what are the names of the corporate sponsors of the event, the nature of their donations to the conference, and the value of the donations?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

With respect to the Province's hosting of the 1996 Annual Premiers' Conference at Jasper, Alberta, what are the names of the corporate sponsors of the event and the nature of their donations to the conference?

WQ2. Moved by Mr. White:

How many unannounced spot checks were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, other than reforestation, and, in each case, what was the date of inspection, what items were checked, what infringements were discovered and what action was taken or penalty imposed, if any?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996*, to assess compliance with the Government's Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, other than reforestation, *and what was the summary of findings including infringements and action taken, if any?*

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved a sub-amendment to the amendment, the motion as amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996?*

WQ3. Moved by Mr. White:

How many unannounced spot checks were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's reforestation standards and, in each case, what was the date of inspection, what items were checked, what infringements were discovered and what action was taken or penalty imposed, if any?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996*, to assess compliance with the Government's reforestation standards and *what was the summary of findings including infringements and action taken, if any?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted as amended:

MR4. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of the Federal/Provincial Firearms Agreement and any correspondence or memoranda between the Federal Government and the Department of Justice and Attorney General with respect to the agreement, including copies of any requests for payments made pursuant to the agreement.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of the *latest ratified* Federal/Provincial Firearms *Financial* Agreement and correspondence or memoranda between the Federal Government and the Department of Justice and Attorney General with respect to the agreement, including copies of any requests for payments made pursuant to the agreement.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR5. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of the internal audits referred to in the expenditures section of the Public Accounts for the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the fiscal years 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, and for the Departments of the Solicitor General and Attorney General for the fiscal year 1991/92.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32.

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 with some amendments:

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 209/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$301,359,000	Operating Expense
\$1,051,000	Capital Investment

Education

\$1,635,637,000	Operating Expense
\$1,224,000	Capital Investment
\$118,000,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Energy

\$71,021,000	Operating Expense
\$1,315,000	Capital Investment

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 Supply Subcommittee dealing with the estimates of the Department of Family and Social Services to replace Ms Olsen

Sessional Paper 210/97

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Clegg	Klapstein	Stelmach
Coutts	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Evans	Magnus	West
Graham	Mar	Yankowsky
Hancock	Marz	

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol
Dickson	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici		

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

- Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:58 p.m. until Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 1997

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Ms Graham, Chair, 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 for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Monday, May 5, 1997, now be deemed to be read and received:

of the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company for the TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act;

of the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company and Montreal Trust Company for the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act;

of Karl Ewoniak and Gerald Chipeur for the Trans Global Insurance Company Act;

of Karl Ewoniak and Gerald Chipeur for the Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act;

of Kenneth Garnet McKay for the Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act;

of Gerald Chipeur and Victor Fitch for the Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997; and

of Dwight Bliss, John MacKay and Gerald Chipeur for the Altasure Insurance Company Act.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to withdraw the designation of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for consideration by the Committee of Supply under Standing Order 58(4) on Thursday, May 8, 1997.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

News release dated May 8, 1997, entitled "Minister releases report on health information consultation"

Sessional Paper 211/97

Striking the Right Balance: Access to Health Information and Protection of Privacy, a Summary of Views, dated May 1997

Sessional Paper 212/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN), Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 213/97

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

Letter dated January 28, 1997, from Kam Jugdev, Director, Calgary Association of Self Help, to Mr. Bud McCaig, Chairman of the Board, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding the formation of the Community Mental Health Alliance

Sessional Paper 214/97

Community Mental Health Services Planning Committee, Statistical Information on Day Programs, Outreach Services, Residential, Vocational and Crisis Services: 1995-96, 1994-95, 1993-94

Sessional Paper 215/97

Community Mental Health Alliance facts sheet regarding mental illness

Sessional Paper 216/97

Community Needs Assessment for Acute Care Psychiatric Services, City of Calgary, dated February 1994, prepared by H.L. Holley

Sessional Paper 217/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding Crime Prevention Week, May 10-17, 1997, themed "Crime Prevention Works for All of Us", and congratulating individuals to be awarded Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Awards, May 10, 1997.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement — Sequence of Business

The Speaker requested and received the consent of the Assembly to alter the Order of Business today, pursuant to Government Motion No. 17 agreed to Tuesday, May 6, 1997 allowing for Mr. Rick Hansen's address to the Assembly following Oral Question Period.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, tabled the following:

Children Who Died in Child Welfare Care: April 1, 1996 - February 28, 1997;
April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996; and April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995
Sessional Paper 218/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Alberta Family and Social Services, eligibility policy in regards to the limited eligibility for persons on strike, dated June 1995
Sessional Paper 219/97

Mr. Rick Hansen's Address to the Assembly

Following Oral Question Period, and pursuant to Government Motion No. 17 agreed to by the Assembly on Tuesday, May 6, 1997, the Speaker welcomed and invited Mr. Rick Hansen onto the floor of the Assembly. Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, and Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, also welcomed Mr. Hansen, who then addressed the Assembly. The Speaker thanked Mr. Hansen who then left the Chamber.

Members' Statements

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding his lack of access to the questionnaire used in the Workers' Compensation Board's survey.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement in recognition of the Peace River flood victims, and support for disaster relief programs.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the important role of the 4H Club, and congratulating Miss Kristi Stelter, this year's award winner at the "Marketable Me" event.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 12 to May 15, 1997:

Monday, May 12	P.M.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 5, 3, 2
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 9, 4
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates Day 16
		Reporting: Executive Council, Advanced Education and Career Development
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 4, 1, 8

- Tuesday, May 13 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates Day 17
Reporting: Community
Development and Designated
Supply Subcommittee 1 (Health)
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 14 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates Day 18
Reporting: Transportation and
Designated Supply Subcommittee
2 (Justice)
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Thursday, May 15 P.M. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates Day 19
Reporting: Science, Research and
Information Technology,
Provincial Treasurer, Federal and
Intergovernmental Affairs

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1997

Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Economic Development and Tourism

\$119,746,000	Operating Expense
\$115,000	Capital Investment
\$123,300,000	Lottery Fund Payments

Municipal Affairs

\$277,690,000	Operating Expense
\$5,097,000	Capital Investment
\$12,200,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$435,210,000	Operating Expense
\$51,935,000	Capital Investment

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 5:19 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 1997

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill Pr1 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act — Mrs. Burgener
- Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques
- Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Bre-X Investments fund breakdown sheet dated May 8, 1997, by Alberta Treasury
Sessional Paper 220/97

Local Authorities Pension Plan Board of Trustees: Statement of Policy Guidelines on Investment and Management of Fund Assets, dated April 21, 1995 (revised October 20, 1995)

Sessional Paper 221/97

Universities Academic Pension Board: Statement of Investment Policies and Goals, adopted December 1995, revised November 1996

Sessional Paper 222/97

Special Forces Pension Board: Statement of Investment Policies and Goals, first approved January 1995, last amended November 1995

Sessional Paper 223/97

Management Employees Pension Plan: Mandate for Balanced Fund Manager, Alberta Treasury, dated November 1995

Sessional Paper 224/97

Public Service Pension Plan (Alberta): Investment Objectives and Policies, first approved June 1995, last amended March 1997

Sessional Paper 225/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Relations with the Friends of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Society, 1996-97 Documents: Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, Annual General Meeting, Financial Statements, Master Cooperating Agreement and Service Contracts

Sessional Paper 226/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 5, 1997, from Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 202, Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act, come up for Third Reading consideration Tuesday, May 13, 1997

Sessional Paper 227/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, made a statement regarding Canada Health Day, May 12, 1997, and the reforms undergone in the public health care system.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 13, 1994, from Cruikshank Karvellas to North Saskatchewan Riverboat Ltd., regarding debts owed to Province of Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 228/97

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

Anticipated Financial Responses, Table 4, regarding proposed financial options for municipalities

Sessional Paper 229/97

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association: Summary Report, Fiscal Impact of Provincial Restructuring on Urban Municipalities, dated September 18, 1996

Sessional Paper 230/97

During Oral Question Period, Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 6, 1997, from the Steering Committee, Alberta Forest Conservation Strategies, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding Glenda Hanna, Co-chair, Steering Committee, declining to sign the final draft Alberta Forest Conservation Strategy

Sessional Paper 231/97

Speaker's Ruling — Tabling Documents During Oral Question Period

The Speaker would like to remind all Hon. Members that on the Order Paper there is a place for the tabling of returns and reports. In the last number of Question Periods, and this has gone on, Ministers have stood up in response to a question, have tabled a piece of paper. Hon. Members raising questions have taken an opportunity to table a piece of paper. It would be probably far much easier for the administration of the Assembly and the courtesy of all involved if, in fact, those tablings took place during the Routine under Tabling Returns and Reports. Now, of course, there will be occasions where that perhaps would not be possible, but as the norm for most of the times, that would be most appreciated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act —
Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, tabled the following:

Alberta Hansard dated October 19, 1995, pages 2045-2046, regarding a speech made by Mr. N. Taylor concerning Bill 45, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1995 (No. 2)

Sessional Paper 232/97

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

Bill 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Langevin

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 4 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 9 Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act —
Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Acting 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 Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$1,192,822,000	Operating Expense
\$1,525,000	Capital Investment
\$61,216,000	Non-Budgetary Disbursements

Executive Council

\$13,514,000	Operating Expense
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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 Deputy 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 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, presented a petition from 183 Edmonton residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 21 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 4,412 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

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, May 14, 1997:

Written Questions: WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

Motions for Returns: MR11, MR12.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44.1, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 233/97

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32 (2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, 1995-96
Sessional Paper 234/97

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

23 letters dated May 5-12, 1997, to Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, in support for Bill 205, Protection from Secondhand Smoke in Public Buildings Act
Sessional Paper 235/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Responses to questions raised on April 30, 1997, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, 1997-98 Committee of Supply debate (Subcommittee D)
Sessional Paper 236/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated May 13, 1997, entitled "Impact on reinvestment seen on seniors' April benefit cheques"
Sessional Paper 237/97

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

Education Survey dated March 1997, presented by the Calgary Council of Home and School Associations in cooperation with the Alberta Home and School Councils Association
Sessional Paper 238/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Parks and Protected Areas: Their Contribution to the Alberta Economy: A Discussion Paper, dated October 1, 1996, prepared by Stephen Dobson and John Thompson, Strategic and Regional Services Division, Alberta Environmental Protection
Sessional Paper 239/97

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca:

Map depicting the Northern Alberta Development Council Area, dated 1994
Sessional Paper 240/97

Northwest Transportation Corridor Potential: A Northern Alberta Development Council Position Paper, dated December 1996, prepared by the Northern Development Branch
Sessional Paper 241/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Protection Against Domestic Abuse, Alberta Law Reform Institute Report No. 74, dated February 1997
Sessional Paper 242/97

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

Innsight: Official Newsletter of the Alberta Hotel Association, Newsletter No. 4-97, dated April 25, 1997, page 1, highlighting the position of the AHA Executive Committee's position on VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling
Sessional Paper 243/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Cambridge Environmental Systems Inc.: Management Proxy Circular Solicitation of Proxies, Special Meeting of Shareholders, Schedule B, dated February 3, 1997 - excerpt highlighting payments to Alberta Treasury Branches
Sessional Paper 244/97

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Meals on Wheels Week, May 11-16, 1997, and support for the service.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the inequitable funding of public education due to the school-based funding system.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the need for political candidates to take unpaid leave during an election campaign.

Speaker's Ruling — Amendments to Written Questions and Motions for Returns

Honourable Members, as this session evolves, there will undoubtedly be certain issues that the Chair will want to comment about so that a procedure or process in the Legislative Assembly will be clear to all Members. One issue that the Chair believes requires such clarification concerns amendments to Motions for Returns and Written Questions.

As Members may recall, last Wednesday May 7, 1997, there was some confusion concerning Written Question 2, moved by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Calder. The Honourable Minister of Environmental Protection had moved certain amendments to the Written Question. These proposed amendments were distributed just before they were moved in the House and seem to have caught the Member for Edmonton-Calder somewhat unawares. In the ensuing discussion of the amendments there were some exchanges between the Chair and the Member about what course of action the Member wanted to pursue. The very short time available to review the proposed amendments may have resulted in some missed communications between the Chair and the Member. Further to last Wednesday's events, the Chair reminds Members that under Standing Order 42, amendments must be in writing. The practice is to have 90 copies prepared for distribution.

In the Chair's view, amendments to Written Questions and Motions for Returns should not catch the mover off-guard. These matters are set down well in advance on the Order Paper and there is ample time to consider amendments. In order to avoid repeating the events of last Wednesday, when amendments are going to be proposed to Motions for Returns and Written Questions, they should be approved by Parliamentary Counsel as to form no later than the Tuesday before they are to be moved. The proposed amendment should be provided to the Member that is moving the Written Question or Motion for Returns so that he or she is able to address it on the respective Wednesday and have time to discuss it with the responsible Minister if necessary. This exchange of information should occur before 11 a.m. on the Wednesday that the Written Question or Motion for Returns is to be moved.

The Chair views this matter as so many others, as a learning experience. Through cooperation and the exchange of information on a timely basis, it is sincerely hoped that we can reduce the procedural uncertainties so that Members can devote their time to debating the substance of an issue.

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 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Third Reading

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

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, tabled the following:

Edmonton Journal article entitled "Let's unclog courts, lawyers argue"

Sessional Paper 245/97

Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter, prepared by Lang Michener - excerpt
page highlighting the Canadian Bar Association Client-Lawyer Fee Dispute
Mediation program

Sessional Paper 246/97

Debate continued.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

Black	Herard	Melchin
Boutilier	Hierath	Nicol
Broda	Jacques	O'Neill
Burgener	Johnson	Oberg
Cao	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Klapstein	Pham
Clegg	Kryczka	Renner
Ducharme	Laing	Severtson
Dunford	Langevin	Smith
Forsyth	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Magnus	Strang
Fritz	Mar	Tannas
Gordon	Marz	Tarchuk
Graham	McClellan	Thurber
Haley	McFarland	West
Havelock		

Against the motion: 12

Barrett	MacDonald	Sloan
Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Yankowsky

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

Speaker's Statement — Private Members' Public Bills

Hon. Members, particularly new Members, the process that you've all just experienced is a rather unique one. There are few jurisdictions anywhere that follow the model of the British parliamentary form of government anywhere in so-called countries belonging to the Commonwealth that will allow a Private Member to introduce a Bill, and have it taken through to Third Reading and ultimately will become the law of the land. This is very, very unique in this jurisdiction, in this parliament in the Province of Alberta. You've just participated in something that very few parliamentarians anywhere that would follow the British Commonwealth system of government would ever be able to have involvement in and participation in.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Medicare Protection Act which enshrines in legislation the five principles of the Canada Health Act, ensures that all medically necessary services continue to be funded solely through public health care insurance and prohibits within Alberta the provision of medically necessary services for which a fee is charged to the patient or to a non-public insurer.

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 14

Barrett	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Mitchell	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici	Pannu	

Against the motion: 42

Boutilier	Herard	McFarland
Broda	Hierath	Melchin
Burgener	Jacques	O'Neill
Cao	Johnson	Oberg
Clegg	Jonson	Paszkowski
Ducharme	Klapstein	Pham
Dunford	Kryczka	Renner
Forsyth	Laing	Severtson
Friedel	Langevin	Stevens
Fritz	Lund	Strang
Gordon	Magnus	Tarchuk
Graham	Mar	Thurber
Haley	Marz	West
Havelock	McClellan	Yankowsky

504. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to evaluate its health care policy against the provisions of the Canada Health Act.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act — Mr. Shariff

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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, 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, 1998, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$252,105,000	Operating Expense
\$110,000	Capital Investment

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The Committee of Supply has also 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Environmental Protection

\$272,057,000	Operating Expense
\$6,444,000	Capital Investment

Family and Social Services

\$1,357,149,000	Operating Expense
\$240,000	Capital Investment

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 Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 4 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
 Bill 9 Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
 — Hon. Mr. Klein

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

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 247/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 1997

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

Bill 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 248/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 249/97

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

Letter dated April 18, 1997, from Mrs. Adeline Hirschfeld to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the closing of beds at the Millwoods Shepherd's Care Centre
Sessional Paper 250/97

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter fax-dated May 8, 1997, from Mr. Barry Ewing to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, regarding the cost of care in the Enhanced Care Unit in Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 251/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Corporate Rule Treaty: A Preliminary Analysis of the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI) Which Seeks to Consolidate Global Corporate Rule, by Tony Clarke, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 252/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 13, 1997, from Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 204, Provincial Court Amendment Act, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration Tuesday, May 20, 1997

Sessional Paper 253/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Affidavit of Value Between 731059 Alberta Ltd. (Plaintiff) and Skimmer Oil Separators Ltd. (Defendant), dated April 29, 1997, regarding appraisal report of Skimmer Oil Separators Building as of December 13, 1996, prepared for Cambridge Environmental Systems Inc., by Appraisal and Consulting Services, Royal LePage

Sessional Paper 254/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ8. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

With respect to the Treasury Department's creation, publication, production, and distribution of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets, who initiated this project, what was the total cost for all government departments, how many copies of each booklet were produced, and what was the distribution for those copies?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ6. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many times between January 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997 has the Government retained outside legal counsel to conduct criminal prosecutions, and how much was paid to each of those lawyers?

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many times *from April 1*, 1993 to March 31, 1997 has the Government retained outside legal counsel to conduct criminal prosecutions, and how much was paid *in total to* those lawyers?

WQ7. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many times between January 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997 has the Government retained outside legal counsel to represent the Government in civil matters before the courts, and how much was paid to each of those lawyers?

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

From April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997, how many new retainers were entered into by the Department of Justice, to be paid by that Department, for outside legal counsel to represent the Government in civil matters, and how much was paid in total by Alberta Justice to outside counsel for civil matters during that period?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23, WQ36.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR11. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of each and every receipt issued by the Queen's Printer recording sales of copies of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets, profiling each of the province's new electoral divisions.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all purchase orders issued and invoices received for the printing of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets, profiling each of the province's new electoral divisions.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41.

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 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

During debate, Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, tabled the following:

Department of Health Business Plan 1997/1998-1999/2000, page 241, highlighting the percent of Albertans who do not smoke

Sessional Paper 255/97

Edmonton Journal article dated June 1, 1996, page A8, entitled "Students ask province to curb teen smoking"

Sessional Paper 256/97

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) news release dated May 31, 1996, entitled "Alberta students give new Health Minister clear mandate to reduce tobacco use among youth"

Sessional Paper 257/97

Student Tobacco Referendum: Provincial Results, World No-Tobacco Day, Friday, May 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 258/97

Debate continued.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Hlady	Oberg
Boutilier	Jacques	Pannu
Calahasen	Johnson	Paszkowski
Cao	Klapstein	Paul
Day	Kryczka	Pham
Dickson	Laing	Renner
Doerksen	Leibovici	Sapers
Ducharme	Lougheed	Severtson
Dunford	MacDonald	Shariff
Evans	Marz	Sloan
Forsyth	Massey	Soetaert
Fritz	McClellan	Stevens
Havelock	Melchin	Strang
Herard	O'Neill	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 13

Broda	Friedel	Langevin
Cardinal	Gordon	McFarland
Clegg	Haley	Stelmach
Coutts	Hancock	Thurber
Fischer		

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

Bill 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:18 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During debate on the Estimates of the Department of Health, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the Estimates for the Standing Policy Committee on Health Planning under reference 1.0.16 of the 1997/98 Estimates of the Department of Health be reduced by \$84,000 dollars so that the Operating Expense to be voted on reads \$3,957,518,000.

The question being put on the amendment in Committee of Supply, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Dickson	MacDonald	Pannu
Gibbons	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 34

Amery	Fritz	McClellan
Boutilier	Haley	McFarland
Broda	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Jacques	Shariff
Day	Johnson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Jonson	Stevens
Dunford	Laing	Strang
Evans	Langevin	Thurber
Fischer	Marz	Yankowsky
Friedel		

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff 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, 1998, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Transportation and Utilities

\$542,611,000	Operating Expense
\$136,550,000	Capital Investment

The Committee of Supply has also 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Health

\$3,957,602,000	Operating Expense
\$5,138,000	Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$337,362,000	Operating Expense
\$1,780,000	Capital Investment

Labour

\$32,967,000	Operating Expense
\$383,000	Capital Investment

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

Responses to questions raised on April 24, 1997, Department of Transportation and Utilities, 1997-98 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 259/97

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of the amendment proposed by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Health:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Health (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 260/97

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 Acting 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 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Langevin

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

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

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 261/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 1997

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

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 this Assembly recognize and congratulate the Leduc Composite High School Reach Team for winning the Provincial Championship recently and wish them success this weekend at the Nationals.

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 this Assembly recognize that this week is the annual celebration of Nursing Week in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on April 30, 1997, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1997-98 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee C) debate
Sessional Paper 262/97

Fact sheet dated May 15, 1997, entitled "Municipal taxation on buildings owned by not-for-profit organizations"
Sessional Paper 263/97

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

Letter dated April 5, 1997, from Susan Driver to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding the proposed amendments to the Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) Regulations
Sessional Paper 264/97

Fact sheet entitled "Why the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN) opposes amendments to the Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) regulations"
Sessional Paper 265/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 15, 1997, from Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mr. Robert Clark, Information and Privacy Commissioner, regarding the reporting of child deaths and abuse of children in the care of Government

Sessional Paper 266/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 14, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to the Regional Health Authority Chairs, regarding the proposal of the Health Resources Group to provide contracted services

Sessional Paper 267/97

Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Dioxin, and Furan Levels in Wild Game Samples from the Swan Hills, Alberta Area: Interim Report, dated May 1997, prepared by Health Surveillance, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 268/97

Pamphlet entitled "Revised wild game public health advisory"

Sessional Paper 269/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi, a Sikh community heritage celebration.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding his recent personal experience with the health care system and receipt of medical treatment.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement congratulating the 1997 Miss Canadian Universe winner, Miss Carmen Kempt, from Lacombe, and wished her well at the upcoming competition in Miami, Florida.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 20 to May 22, 1997:

Tuesday, May 20	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Government Motions Government Motion 18 Second Reading Bill 13
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Day 20 Second Reading Bill 11 Committee of the Whole Bills 12, 8, 1
Wednesday, May 21	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Lottery Fund Estimates Day 1 of 1 Revert to Introduction of Bills Bill 14
Thursday, May 22	P.M.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 14 Committee of the Whole Bills 8, 2, 1 Second Reading Bill 14

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate the Leduc Composite High School Reach Team for winning the Provincial Championship recently and wish them success this weekend at the Nationals.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize that this week is the annual celebration of Nursing Week in Alberta.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Science, Research and Information Technology

\$29,696,000 Operating Expense

Treasury

\$44,365,000	Operating Expense
\$1,303,000	Capital Investment

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of documents tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Measuring Performance: A Reference Guide, dated September 1996
Sessional Paper 270/97

Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, 1995 (Assented to May 17, 1995)
Sessional Paper 271/97

Budget '97: Post-Election Update, page 12, highlighting Alberta Treasury three year spending profile
Sessional Paper 272/97

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on May 6, 1997, Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, 1997-98 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate
Sessional Paper 273/97

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m. and pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(a), the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

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 the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 21, 1997:

Written Questions: WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23.

Motions for Returns: MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

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

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated May 16, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding comments made by Hon. David Dingwall, Federal Minister of Health, concerning the planned opening of a private health care facility in Calgary

Sessional Paper 274/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated May 15, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Hon. David Dingwall, Federal Minister of Health, concerning Health Resources Group of Calgary

Sessional Paper 275/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 276/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated May 15, 1997, from Darlene Zloklikovits, Chairperson, Alberta Injured Workers' Society (AIWS), to Ms Betty Screpnik, Chair, Workers' Compensation Board, regarding an independent inquiry into mandatory classes through BGS Enterprises, owned by Ms Betty Screpnik, required for receiving WCB benefits

Sessional Paper 277/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding National Safe Kids Week, May 23 to 30, 1997, and the incidence of injuries involving children.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Rio Terrace School being awarded Green School Status, Jade School Status, Emerald School Status, and Earth School Status for their environmental projects.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement recognizing the Leduc Composite High School six-member senior Reach Team competing at the national level (Evan Solmer, Colin McIntyre, Tahib Tadeusz, Joanne Brownlee, Danny Jackson, and Neil Jackie), and congratulating the Leduc/Nisku Economic Development Authority on receiving accreditation by the American Economic Development Council.

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Mrs. Gordon, 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 204 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 278/97

Amendment to Bill 204 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 279/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to evaluate its health care policy against the provisions of the Canada Health Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Blakeman	Gibbons	Pannu
Bonner	Leibovici	Sloan
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 41

Black	Haley	Pham
Boutilier	Herard	Renner
Broda	Hierath	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Klapstein	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	Mar	Woloshyn
Gordon	Melchin	Yankowsky
Graham	O'Neill	

505. Moved by Mr. Doerksen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide plan linking trails and to encourage responsible recreational use of such trails.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Doerksen speaking.

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following members, namely:
 - Mr. Langevin, Chairman
 - Mr. Hierath
 - Ms O'Neill
 - Mrs. Fritz
 - Mr. Sapers

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ombudsman and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for appointment to that position.

2. The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditure necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

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 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of 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., it was agreed at 5:22 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$22,386,620	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$9,336,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$483,000	Office of the Auditor General Capital Investment
\$1,175,400	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$6,265,770	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$168,490	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$950,429	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

\$27,140,000	Operating Expense
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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 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which 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 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:

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 280/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to seek the Assembly's unanimous consent, when Written Questions are called, to waive Standing Order 34(2)(a) in order to add Written Question No. 13 to the list of Written Questions to be dealt with today.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated May 16, 1997, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the intention of Health Resources Group to contract with the Calgary Regional Health Authority
Sessional Paper 281/97

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

Letter dated May 16, 1997, from Sandra G. Haggins to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the level of public education funding, and in particular the financial difficulties of the Calgary Public School Board

Sessional Paper 282/97

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

Sun Healthcare Group Inc., Form 10-K, filed March 28, 1997

Sessional Paper 283/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 4, 1997, from Don Cameron to Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding the funding model proposed for handicapped children's services

Sessional Paper 284/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 20, 1997, from Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 204, Provincial Court Amendment Act, come up for Third Reading on Tuesday, May 27, 1997

Sessional Paper 285/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Public Accounts 1985-86, schedules 2.3, 2.4, 2.15, and 2.16, highlighting Ridley Grain Ltd. non-interest bearing participating series A debenture and the valuation adjustment of the long-term investment write-off

Sessional Paper 286/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 34(2)(a) to allow Written Question No. 13 to be added to the list of Written Questions to be dealt with today.

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ13. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many companies were required to submit monitoring reports to Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1996, what was the average number of records that each company submitted, how many staff (full time equivalents) were responsible for reviewing the data and in how many cases were infringements identified?

WQ16. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many unannounced spot checks of pulp mills were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's standards and, in each case, what was the date of inspection, what items were checked, what infringements were discovered and what action was taken or penalty imposed, if any?

WQ17. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many routine audits of records submitted by industrial companies did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, how many unreported releases and how many other infringements were identified as a result of these audits, and in each case what was the nature of the infringement, what action was taken and what penalty was imposed, if any?

WQ18. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many times did the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development Policy Committee meet between the period January 1, 1996 and February 11, 1997, 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?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, tabled the following:

Response to Written Question No. 18

Sessional Paper 287/97

WQ23. Moved by Ms Carlson:

With reference to Measuring Up, Second Annual Report on the Performance of the Government of Alberta, June 1996, p. 84, showing that the number of hours exceeding the guideline for sulphur dioxide at industrial monitoring stations has increased each year since 1991, what measures were taken between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996, when the guideline was exceeded by each company on each occasion?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ14. Moved by Mr. White:

What are the estimated or recorded volumes of coniferous and deciduous timber, respectively, harvested from private land each year between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1996, and what percentage was exported as uncut logs each year?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

What are the estimated or recorded volumes of coniferous and deciduous timber, respectively, harvested from private land each *timber* year between *May 1, 1993* and *April 30, 1996*, and what percentage of *unprocessed logs* were *exported* each *timber* year?

WQ15. Moved by Mr. White:

How many inspections of timber harvesting on private land were carried out between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1996, in how many cases was logging found to have caused environmental or other damage, and what action was taken, if any?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

In response to direct public requests, how many inspections on private land were *conducted after timber harvesting activity had occurred* between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1996, in how many cases was environmental or other damage *found*, and what action was taken, if any?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ36.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR22. Moved by Ms Carlson:

The names and locations of all landfills that received an unannounced spot check by Alberta Environmental Protection staff between September 1, 1996 and January 31, 1997, indicating the date of inspection, the items checked, any infringements discovered and the penalty imposed, if any.

MR24. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A description of the regional consultation process adopted to compile The Status of Alberta Wildlife, a Wildlife Management Division Report, that was published in December 1996, as well as a list of experts consulted, their qualifications, and copies of any written recommendations received.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR19. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of all agreements between the Government and Petroleum Information Canada Limited or Petroleum Information Corporation, of Houston, Texas, regarding the handover, maintenance, marketing and profit sharing agreement of the Public Lands Mapping Division.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all agreements between the Government and Petroleum Information Canada Limited or Petroleum Information Corporation, of Houston, Texas, regarding the handover, maintenance, marketing and profit sharing agreement of the *Land Administration Division's Plan Distribution Service*.

MR20. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of all documents showing the annual revenues generated by the Public Lands Mapping Division for the 10 years prior to the division being handed over to the Canadian subsidiary of Petroleum Information Corporation of Houston, Texas.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *financial statements* showing the annual revenues generated by the *Land Administration Division's Plan Distribution Service* for the 10 years prior to *the Service* being handed over to the Canadian subsidiary of Petroleum Information Corporation of Houston, Texas.

MR21. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A list showing the number of domestic residences owned by the Province in each provincial park, where permanent termination of the lease was announced in 1996 or 1997 or will be announced in 1997, giving the name of the park and date of termination, showing the number of domestic residences remaining in each park, and indicating whether the lessee is an employee of the Government or a private contractor.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

A list showing the number of domestic residences owned by the Province in each provincial park, where permanent termination of the lease was announced in 1996 or 1997 or will be announced in 1997, giving the name of the park, showing the number of domestic residences remaining in each park, and indicating whether the lessee is an employee of the Government or a private contractor.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61.

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 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 206, Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1997, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 207 Alberta Health Care Accountability and Entitlement Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some further time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon 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, 1998, for the purposes indicated:

Agricultural Initiatives

\$22,530,000

Cultural Initiatives

\$29,679,000

Recreation Initiatives

\$17,091,000

Community Facility Enhancement Program

\$31,000,000

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$10,550,000

Science and Environmental Initiatives

\$750,000

New Initiatives

\$11,700,000

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 14 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting 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 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act —
Mr. Shariff

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Thursday, May 22, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 112 Lethbridge residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices recommending the reappointment of Mr. Robert C. Clark as Ethics Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner, May 1997

Sessional Paper 288/97

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed May 14, 1997, to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Robert C. Clark be reappointed as Ethics Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of Alberta for a further five years effective April 1, 1997.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Letter dated May 16, 1997, from Karin Naslund to Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, regarding the proposed block funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (one of 144 letters received from constituents of Mr. Johnson)

Sessional Paper 289/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Letter dated May 20, 1997, from Lawrence Noel to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, regarding the closure of campsites within Alberta

Sessional Paper 290/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 20, 1997, from Larry and Angela Reimer to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, regarding their attempt to adopt a child from Romania, and requesting legislation to ratify the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption

Sessional Paper 291/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated May 13, 1997, from Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the restructuring of Children's Services and the child and family services proposed funding model and consultation process, including the request for meeting transcripts

Sessional Paper 292/97

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the 75th anniversary of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary on May 23, 1997, and recognizing the multi-disciplinary approach to services by the hospital.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing the Edmonton Police Service DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, and their training of DARE officers.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Northern Alberta International Children's Festival themed "Swinging in the Rain", being held in St. Albert this week.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 26 to May 29, 1997:

Monday, May 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 11, 15
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 14, 2, 1
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 10, 16, 17, 18
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 8, 13, 1
Tuesday, May 27	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders
		Third Reading
		Bills 3, 12
		Second Reading
		Bill 10
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Third Reading
		Bill 14
		Second Reading
		Bills 16, 17, 18
Wednesday, May 28	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 11, 15, 10
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 13, 5, 1

Thursday, May 29

P.M. - **Government Bills and Orders****Royal Assent**

Bills 3, 4, 9, 12, 14, 202

Government Motions

Government Motion 19

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1

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 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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:

Bill 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Mrs. Laing, 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 293/97

Amendment to Bill 1 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on May 14, 1997) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 294/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 5:15 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 following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 26, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 1997

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, in response to questions asked May 22, 1997:

Fact sheet entitled “For your information: apprenticeship in Alberta”
Sessional Paper 295/97

Brochure entitled “Qualification Certificate Program”
Sessional Paper 296/97

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

29 letters dated May 15 to 20, 1997, from constituents to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding the level of public education funding
Sessional Paper 297/97

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated May 20, 1997, from Mrs. Sandy Kordyback to Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, regarding Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997, and the level of public education funding
Sessional Paper 298/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 6, 1997, from Merrill Kemp to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding Handicapped Children's Services (HCS) proposed funding reforms
Sessional Paper 299/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Excerpt page 12 regarding the King's Health Centre's relationship to OHIP (Ontario Health Care Insurance Plan) funding in Ontario, as quoted from during Oral Question Period, Thursday, May 22, 1997
Sessional Paper 300/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 9, 1996, from Norm Brownell, President, and Katherine Jones, Executive Director, Alberta Foster Parent Association, to Hon. Mr. Day, as Minister of Family and Social Services, highlighting Child Protective Services currently under the Department of Family and Social Services' control
Sessional Paper 301/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Hancock	Melchin
Boutilier	Herard	O'Neill
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Clegg	Hlady	Renner
Day	Jacques	Severtson
Doerksen	Johnson	Smith
Ducharme	Klapstein	Strang
Dunford	Laing	Tannas
Evans	Langevin	Tarchuk
Fischer	Lougheed	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	Thurber
Fritz	Mar	Trynchy
Gibbons	Marz	West
Gordon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Haley	McFarland	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 13

Barrett	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Massey	Sloan
Carlson	Olsen	Soetaert
Dickson	Pannu	White
Leibovici		

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

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

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

A debate followed.

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

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:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading****Speaker's Ruling — Omnibus Bills**

The Chair would like to take this opportunity before the House starts its deliberations this evening to rule on the point of order that was raised by the Opposition House Leader this afternoon concerning Bills 11, 16 and 17. The Opposition House Leader's point of order is that the Bills offend parliamentary practice by including amendments to more than one Act which are not related or guided by a common thread.

In support of his point of order the Opposition House Leader cited various sections from Beauchesne's (6th ed.) including paragraphs 626, 627, 634 and 557(1).

In reviewing this matter since this afternoon, the Chair notes that this is certainly not the first time that a Bill in this Legislative Assembly has amended more than one Act without a connecting theme. For instance, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment and Repeal Act, 1996 amended or repealed some 13 Acts and there does not appear to have been a so-called connecting theme. The Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 amended some 8 Acts to the Chair's count. The Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1995 amended 5 Acts without a discernable common thread.

The point is that this is not the first time that omnibus Bills have been presented in this House. Of course, the most common omnibus Bill is the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Acts that are invariably introduced every year. As the Chair indicated this afternoon, these Bills differ from other omnibus Bills as they are usually agreed to by the Opposition prior to their introduction in the House.

With respect to the authorities, as the Chair indicated this afternoon, *Beauchesne's* paragraph 634 seems most directly on point. It is interesting to note that it concludes by saying that the Speaker will not intervene to divide the Bill. The Opposition House Leader placed some emphasis on Speaker Schumacher's decision to divide a motion in February 1995 but that was not a Bill. Technically speaking, the motion in this case would be that Bill 11, 16 or 17 be read a Second time.

Other jurisdictions have faced this problem. Members may recall a large omnibus Bill in Ontario that was the subject of a similar point of order. In that case, the Speaker delivered a ruling on December 5, 1995 that there were no rules or precedents in that House or other Canadian jurisdictions to rule the respective Bill out of order.

In that ruling he quoted a 1982 ruling by Speaker Sauvé of the House of Commons where she stated:

“It may be that the House should accept rules or guidelines as to the form and content of omnibus Bills, but in that case the House, and not the Speaker, must make those rules.”

While the Chair is aware of the genuine concerns of the Opposition House Leader about the sweeping nature of omnibus Bills, it is certainly not the first time this has happened in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. It would certainly assist the House if the various parties were able to meet and find solutions to this problem. Failing that, the Chair rules that the Bills can proceed.

The Chair wants to point out that given the broad scope of these Bills, it may be very difficult for the Chair, or the Chair of Committees, to determine what matters are relevant to the respective debates.

In conclusion, the Chair wants to note that there is nothing preventing the House from developing guidelines as to the acceptable form and content of omnibus legislation. The Chair encourages Members to break new ground in this area.

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

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

A debate followed.

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

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

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

Amendment to Bill 1 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on May 14, 1997) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 302/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 292 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 99 Calgary residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 28, 1997:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR25.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Wednesday, May 28, 1997:

Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

East Village Community Study: Final Report written by P. Lynn McDonald and Tracy L. Peressini for the Sub-committee on Social Concerns, the Task Force on Housing in the Downtown, the City of Calgary, dated January 1992

Sessional Paper 303/97

Calgary Sun article, December 6, 1996, page 27, entitled "Homeless study out today," by Daryl-Lynn Carlson

Sessional Paper 304/97

Summary sheet detailing Alberta's shelters for homeless adults and women's shelters, and 1997-98 budget allocation

Sessional Paper 305/97

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

Letter dated May 27, 1997, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding four additional amendments intended for Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 306/97

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 27, 1997, from Reynolds, Mirth, Richards and Farmer to members of the Alberta Dental Association regarding the Canadian Dental Association Code of Ethics and the Dental Profession Regulation, relating to fee issues raised by Alberta Blue Cross, February 20, 1997

Sessional Paper 307/97

Alberta Dental Association summary sheet entitled "Questions about Managed or Preferred Dental Plans (PPO's)," highlighting the dentists' conflict with the Canadian Dental Association's Code of Ethics, which has been adopted by the Alberta Dental Association

Sessional Paper 308/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Safety, Security and Development of Children: A Response to the Redesign of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 309/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 26, 1997, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 205, Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Wednesday, May 28, 1997

Sessional Paper 310/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, tabled the following:

Article entitled "Getting ready for FOIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)" excerpt from the Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board newsletter Connexion, issue no. 12, dated April 1997, including the news release dated April 15, 1997, entitled "Bill 1 extends Government's commitment to openness and accountability"

Sessional Paper 311/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium statement detailing the relationship to Equifax/Canadian Bonded Credits for an account outstanding, and interest rate charged

Sessional Paper 312/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding International Museums' Day, Sunday, May 18, 1997, and the vital role of museums in the economy and community.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Homeless Awareness Week, May 25 to 31, 1997, and events being held in downtown Calgary in support for local community initiatives.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement as Chair, Seniors Advisory Council, regarding the 11th annual Seniors Citizens' Week, June 1 to 7, 1997, in recognition of the important role of senior citizens in society.

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 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Alberta Health Care Accountability and Entitlement Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Yankowsky speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Doerksen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide plan linking trails and to encourage responsible recreational use of such trails.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

506. Moved by Mrs. Burgener:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the role, function and responsibilities of school guidance and career counsellors at the junior and high school levels to ensure Alberta's students can make informed decisions about entering post-secondary institutions or the workforce.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Burgener speaking.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Langevin

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

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

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Wednesday, May 28, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,622 southern Alberta residents regarding the discrepancy in gasoline prices in southern Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 190 residents regarding support for universal medicare and enhanced quality health care.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 51 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents, of Alberta petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, shall not be further adjourned.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 19 Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and oral notice having been given Tuesday, May 27, 1997:

Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

News release dated May 28, 1997, entitled "Talking with Albertans - an update on public consultation"

Sessional Paper 313/97

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists (ASET), Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 314/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Oral reasons for judgement of the Honourable Madam Justice Paperny in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, in the matter of Her Majesty the Queen versus Gordon Sheward, no. 9601-0594-C6, dated April 22, 1997, regarding defrauding the Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 315/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Letter dated April 21, 1997, from Mr. Mike Bourassa, President, Camping Clubs of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the privatization of provincial parks, campgrounds and recreational areas

Sessional Paper 316/97

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated May 22, 1997, from Cydne Parl, Co-chair, Parkland Parents of Children With Disabilities Working Group, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, regarding the preferred option regarding Handicapped Children's Services (HCS) designated funding

Sessional Paper 317/97

Letter dated May 21, 1997, from Annette Ahlberg to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the proposed funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (HCS)

Sessional Paper 318/97

Letter dated May 20, 1997, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the proposed funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (HCS)

Sessional Paper 319/97

Letter dated May 22, 1997, from Lloyd and Lois Savard to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the proposed funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (HCS)

Sessional Paper 320/97

Letter dated May 22, 1997, from Lorne and Gwen Card to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the proposed funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (HCS)

Sessional Paper 321/97

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services:

Letter dated May 15, 1997, from Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, in response to a letter received from Ms Carol Sekiya, Spokesperson, Workers Opposed to the Redesign of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 322/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Business Plan 1997

Sessional Paper 323/97

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

Letter dated May 21, 1997, from Erna Luger to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, regarding assistance with Peace River flood recovery

Sessional Paper 324/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Minutes of a formal joint meeting of the Directors and shareholders of EDO (Canada) Limited held May 5, 1997, highlighting attendance of Peter McNeil representing Alberta Provincial Treasury

Sessional Paper 325/97

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, tabled the following:

Article entitled "Andy Turner wants the government out of health care, period," New Mexico Business Journal, April 1996, volume 20, number 4, page 10

Sessional Paper 326/97

Sun Healthcare Group Inc. Form 10-Q, quarterly report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1997, issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, excerpt highlighting a pending federal investigation

Sessional Paper 327/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ36.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR25. Moved by Dr. Pannu, on behalf of Ms Barrett:

Copies of the full business plan called "A Plan for the Organization and Delivery of Complementary Health Services in Canada" from HRG Health Resource Group Inc., being the full document from which the Minister of Health tabled the Executive Summary in the Legislature on April 17, 1997.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68.

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 Alberta Health Care Accountability and Entitlement Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated.
The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Bonner	Massey	Paul
Carlson	Mitchell	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

Against the motion: 41

Amery	Havelock	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Broda	Hlady	Renner
Burgener	Jacques	Severtson
Calahasen	Johnson	Shariff
Cao	Jonson	Stelmach
Cardinal	Kryczka	Stevens
Doerksen	Laing	Strang
Fischer	Langevin	Tannas
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	Thurber
Fritz	McFarland	West
Graham	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Haley	Oberg	

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 assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

Mrs. Laing, 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-Cross) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 328/97

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 329/97

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 330/97

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 331/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until 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 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That Bill 2, Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly believes that the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation may be required to manage the Alberta Special Waste Treatment facility at Swan Hills should the Province reacquire this facility as provided for under the terms of the final agreement with Bovar Inc.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner 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 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

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 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

20. Oral notice having been given Tuesday, May 27, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, 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.

A debate followed.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m., the question being immediately put on the amendment to Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, as found in Sessional Paper 340/97, the amendment was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:03 a.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:04 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:05 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act —
Mr. Shariff

Mrs. Laing, 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 5 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Withdrawn by
Dr. Nicol, with the unanimous consent of the Committee

Sessional Paper 332/97

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 333/97

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 334/97

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 335/97

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 5 introduced by the Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Glenora (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 336/97

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 337/97

Amendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 338/97

Amendment to Bill 1 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo
on May 14, 1997) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 339/97

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 340/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 1997

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of the Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Fact sheet entitled “Alberta Municipal Affairs: consumer enquiries”
Sessional Paper 341/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

HRG Health Resource Group Inc., a Plan for the Organization and Delivery of Complementary Health Services in Canada, April 1997
Sessional Paper 342/97

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Minerals Tenure Information Bulletin 97-3, subject: ammonite shell, dated May 15, 1997, from F. David Coombs, Branch Head, Minerals Tenure, Department of Energy
Sessional Paper 343/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated May 28, 1997, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 205, Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act, come up for Third Reading on Tuesday, June 3, 1997
Sessional Paper 344/97

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

Letter undated, from Elsie M. Paike to the Letters Editor, Edmonton Journal, in response to comments by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, in the Edmonton Journal on May 27, 1997
Sessional Paper 345/97

Letter dated May 29, 1997, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a plebescite on video lottery terminals

Sessional Paper 346/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Shareholders' Agreement dated December 18, 1987, among EDO Corporation; and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade; and EDO (Canada) Limited, excerpt highlighting the transfer of shares and the sale of shares of a major shareholder

Sessional Paper 347/97

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s78(1), tabled the following:

Public Accounts 1995-96, Report to Albertans on Building a Strong Foundation, Annual Report of the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 348/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 349/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 350/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 4: Financial Statements of Universities, Public Colleges, Technical Institutes and Health Agencies

Sessional Paper 351/97

Public Accounts 1994-95, Volume 1: Consolidated Annual Report, Report to Albertans on Securing Alberta's Future, The Financial Plan in Action

Sessional Paper 352/97

Public Accounts 1994-95, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 353/97

Public Accounts 1994-95, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 354/97

Public Accounts 1994-95, Volume 4: Financial Statements of Universities, Public Colleges, Technical Institutes and Health Agencies

Sessional Paper 355/97

Public Accounts 1993-94, Volume 1: Overview, Report to Albertans on a Financial Plan for Alberta

Sessional Paper 356/97

Public Accounts 1993-94, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 357/97

Public Accounts 1993-94, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 358/97

Public Accounts 1993-94, Volume 4: Financial Statements of Universities, Public Colleges, Technical Institutes and Provincially-owned Hospitals

Sessional Paper 359/97

Public Accounts 1992-93, Volume 1: Consolidated Financial Statements of the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 360/97

Public Accounts 1992-93, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 361/97

Public Accounts 1992-93, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 362/97

Public Accounts 1991-92

Sessional Paper 363/97

Public Accounts 1990-91

Sessional Paper 364/97

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement as Chair of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) regarding working with graduating students to promote healthy choices.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement as the Official Opposition Environment Critic regarding Environment Week, June 1-7, 1997, and the erosion of environmental standards and lack of ministerial response.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta hosting the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Congress in the year 2000, and the assistance given by Economic Development Edmonton.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Soetaert, Acting 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of June 2 to June 5, 1997:

Monday, June 2	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 10, 17, 21 Government Motions Government Motion 19 Second Reading Bill 20
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 21 Government Motions Government Motion 19
Tuesday, June 3	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 19, 22
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 11, 16, 13, 15, 18
Wednesday, June 4	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
Thursday, June 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading or Committee of the Whole or Third Reading As per Order Paper

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 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 title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 2 Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act
- 3 Colleges Amendment Act, 1997
- 4 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 1997
- 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997
- 9 Election Amendment Act, 1997
- 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997
- 14 Appropriation Act, 1997
- 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act
- 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997

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.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate. The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Amery	Graham	McFarland
Broda	Haley	Melchin
Burgener	Havelock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Hlady	Paszkowski
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Clegg	Klapstein	Severtson
Coutts	Laing	Shariff
Day	Langevin	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fischer	Mar	Thurber
Friedel	Marz	Woloshyn
Gordon	McClellan	

Against the motion: 14

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Blakeman	MacDonald	Sloan
Bonner	Massey	Soetaert
Carlson	Mitchell	White
Dickson	Olsen	

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given Thursday, May 22, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed May 14, 1997, to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Robert C. Clark be reappointed as Ethics Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of Alberta for a further five years effective April 1, 1997.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

21. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, May 28, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, shall not be further adjourned.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Amery	Havelock	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Klapstein	Renner
Cao	Laing	Severtson
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stelmach
Day	Magnus	Strang
Doerksen	Mar	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	Thurber
Gordon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky
Haley		

Against the motion: 12

Barrett	Massey	Sloan
Blakeman	Mitchell	Soetaert
Leibovici	Pannu	White
MacDonald	Sapers	Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:32 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997, which was agreed to. The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Amery	Havelock	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Klapstein	Renner
Cao	Laing	Severtson
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stelmach
Day	Magnus	Strang
Doerksen	Mar	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	Thurber
Gordon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky
Haley		

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	Mitchell	Sloan
Leibovici	Pannu	Soetaert
MacDonald	Sapers	White
Massey		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Monday, June 2, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 17 members of the New Hope Christian Church regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 8 Calgary and Vulcan residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 80 constituents regarding the hazardous driving condition of Highway 24 north of Mossleigh.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, presented a petition from 25 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz

Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang

Bill 26 No Tax Increase Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

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

Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz

Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang

Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on May 8, 1997, Department of Municipal Affairs,
1997-98 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 365/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Letter dated May 29, 1997, from Thea Herman, Senior Associate Deputy
Minister, Policy Sector, Canada Department of Justice, to Mr. Don Fleming,
Deputy Minister, Department of Family and Social Services, regarding the
implementation of the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention in Alberta

Sessional Paper 366/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Alberta Physician Resources Planning Group Report, submitted February 1997
Sessional Paper 367/97

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors' Advisory Council, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan,
Minister of Community Development:

News release dated May 30, 1997, entitled "Service awards to recognize
contributions of seniors"
Sessional Paper 369/97

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors' Advisory Council:

News release dated June 2, 1997, entitled "Seniors' Advisory Council celebrates
special week for seniors"
Sessional Paper 368/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Article dated November 1995, entitled "Child support enforcement: states and
localities move to privatized services," fact sheet for the Chairman, Committee
on the Budget, House of Representatives, United States General Accounting
Office, excerpt pages
Sessional Paper 370/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands,
tabled the following:

Order confirming sale and vesting order, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta,
Judicial District of Edmonton, between 606881 Alberta Ltd. (Plaintiff) and
333856 Alberta Ltd., 218703 Alberta Ltd., 298936 Alberta Ltd., 342322 Alberta
Ltd. (Defendants), dated October 26, 1994, excerpt pages highlighting Alberta
Treasury Branches' financial position
Sessional Paper 371/97

Alberta Treasury Branches, Annual Report 1994-95, page 22, and Annual Report
1995-96, page 25, highlighting contingent liabilities
Sessional Paper 372/97

Edmonton Journal article dated September 28, 1996, entitled "Treasury Branches
on hook for mall loans," regarding Alberta Treasury Branches' guaranteed
payment of loans to West Edmonton Mall
Sessional Paper 373/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given Thursday, May 22, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed May 14, 1997, to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Robert C. Clark be reappointed as Ethics Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of Alberta for a further five years effective April 1, 1997.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997 — 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 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given Thursday, May 22, 1997, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed May 14, 1997, to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Robert C. Clark be reappointed as Ethics Commissioner and Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of Alberta for a further five years effective April 1, 1997.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:17 p.m. until Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, June 4, 1997:

Written Questions:	Stand and retain their places.
Motions for Returns:	MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

That it be an instruction to Committee of the Whole on Bill 16, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997, that they have the power to divide Bill 16 into five Bills.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Briefing note dated September 6, 1996, entitled "Welfare reforms analysis: selection of a contractor"

Sessional Paper 374/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised on May 5, 1997, Department of Health, 1997-98 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 375/97

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

Letter dated June 3, 1997, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding amendments to the Licensed Practical Nurses Regulation and Guidelines

Sessional Paper 376/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

4 letters dated May 21-22, 1997, from parents of children with disabilities, regarding the proposed funding model for Handicapped Children's Services (HCS)

Sessional Paper 377/97

Letter dated May 29, 1997, from Mr. Kim Cassidy to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the privatization of children's services

Sessional Paper 378/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) memorandum dated September 12, 1996, from Kim East, Collections Supervisor, to Collection Representatives regarding "demand to pay" letters

Sessional Paper 379/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding National Transportation Week, June 1-7, 1997, themed "Transportation Safety" recognizing traffic safety initiatives undertaken by the industry.

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 30, 1997, from Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), Corporate Communications, to Charan Khehra, Research and Outreach Assistant, New Democratic Party, in response to a request for information regarding Columbia Health Care Inc. (CHC)

Sessional Paper 380/97

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Alberta Liberal Caucus News: Media Information dated June 3, 1997, regarding the record of recovery on Government loans, loan guarantees and investments
Sessional Paper 381/97

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement congratulating École Father Jan Community School on being awarded Earth School status from the SEEDS Foundation (Society, Environment and Energy Development Studies), along with 16 other schools also being recognized.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement as the Liberal critic for seniors regarding Seniors' Week, June 1-7, 1997, and the treatment of seniors following Government reforms.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the January 1996 establishment of an Ad-hoc Steering Committee, and a May 29-31, 1997 conference, both to develop solutions in conjunction with public consultations in search of a solution to homelessness in Calgary.

Motion for Instructions to Committee of the Whole

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the following motion:

That it be an instruction to Committee of the Whole on Bill 16, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997, that they have the power to divide Bill 16 into five Bills.

A debate followed on the validity of the motion.

The Speaker notified the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement and rule on the issue prior to 4:30 p.m. this day.

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 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mrs. Burgener:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the role, function and responsibilities of school guidance and career counsellors at the junior and high school levels to ensure Alberta's students can make informed decisions about entering post-secondary institutions or the workforce.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enter into discussions with the Federal Government to review the tax system to find ways to assist two-parent families where one parent chooses to remain at home.

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved the motion be amended by striking out

two-parent

and striking out

parent

and substituting

caregiver

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

Speaker's Ruling — Instructions to a Committee to Divide a Bill

The Honourable Opposition House Leader has given notice of a motion instructing the Committee of the Whole that it be allowed to divide Bill 16; an omnibus Bill. The Member raised a point of order last Monday, May 26, 1997 asking the Chair to divide certain Bills, including Bill 16. In keeping with the authorities, the Chair declined to divide this or any of the Bills. This point of order is another approach to dividing a Bill by instructing the Committee of the Whole that it may do so.

In making his arguments this afternoon, the Opposition House Leader referred to various sections of Beauchesne's 6th edition, especially paragraphs 681-689. There is nothing in the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta concerning motions to provide instructions to a Committee on dividing a Bill. Like the Member, the Chair has been unable to locate any previous Speaker's rulings on this most interesting question.

Under Standing Order 46, the Speaker shall apprise the Member when a motion is not in order. Beauchesne's paragraph 541 refers to irregular notices and paragraph 566(5) concerns irregular motions. When a matter is not provided for in the Standing Orders or the "usages and precedents of the Assembly", then Standing Order 2 indicates that the Speaker is to rely on parliamentary tradition. Often Members and the Chair will refer to the practice in the Canadian House of Commons which is the basis for Beauchesne's. Paragraph 686 (2) of Beauchesne's 6th edition expressly states that "An instruction is required to enable a committee to divide a Bill into two or more Bills." The citation in Beauchesne's for this proposition is a January 26, 1971 ruling by Speaker Lamoureux in the House of Commons. That ruling says nothing about motions instructing a Committee to divide a Bill before committing the Bill to Committee. At page 285 of Hansard for January 26, 1971, Speaker Lamoureux indicated that at Third Reading stage, any clause or part of the Bill may be brought into question by way of an amendment proposing that the clause or part of the Bill be referred back to the Committee. He was undoubtedly referring to the recommittal amendment which can be moved at Third Reading.

On May 11, 1977, on a point of order dealing with an omnibus Bill then before the House of Commons, Speaker Jerome considered the possibility of instructions to a Committee. He stated at page 5523 of Hansard for that day:

" It has been suggested that motions by way of an instruction to the Committee, once the Bill is in the Standing Committee that the Bill be divided, might be applicable. This is a practice which has been rather prevalent in the British House, but in our procedures it raises a very great number of serious and unanswered procedural questions, and in any case has never really been successful."

In his ruling, Speaker Jerome encouraged Members to vote to delete certain clauses at the appropriate time.

The Honourable Member has referred to Erskine May and the British practice. In this regard the Chair refers to a ruling by Speaker Fraser in the House of Commons on June 8, 1988, concerning yet another omnibus Bill. He indicated at page 16,256 of that day's Hansard that Canada is unique in its use of omnibus Bills. Although the British House adopts such Bills, as Speaker Fraser pointed out, "its legislative practices are significantly different from ours, not least of all because of a much stricter control of time for debate on Bills." Australia allows for grouping of Bills. The Chair has had a quick review done of the New Zealand practice. In that country there is a specific Standing Order allowing a Committee to divide a Bill. We have no equivalent Standing Order.

There is also the question of how such a motion would be made. Motions other than Government Motions are to go on the Order Paper in numerical order according to a draw. This motion is clearly not a Government Motion and as the Government House Leader pointed out, Standing Order 39 restricts a Member to two notices of motion for Motions other than Government Motions. Even if the Opposition House Leader did not have two notices of motion already on the Order Paper, this would be Motion 589. It is not of those class of motions that may be termed dilatory such as adjournment motions that may be made without notice nor is it an amendment. The Chair would have to create a special class of motion in order to allow it to appear on the Order Paper. The question would arise as to whether the motion was debatable. Motions for instructions to a Committee are not listed as being debatable under Standing Order 18. Furthermore, there is the problem of when to make the motion which seems to be sometime after Second Reading but before the Committee commences consideration of the Bill. There is a limit to the extent to which the Chair is prepared to make up rules. The Chair's role is to interpret or to provide for unprovided for instances. In this case, the Chair would have to unilaterally amend the Standing Orders to allow the motion to proceed but the Chair does not have that authority. As indicated in the Chair's May 26, 1997 ruling, it is the House that makes the rules. The Chair notes that the Member could make a motion under Standing Order 40 but that, of course, requires unanimous consent to proceed.

Accordingly, while Beauchesne's may refer to instructions to Committee to divide a Bill, there does not appear to be any precedent from this House, or the House of Commons, for such a motion prior to Committee consideration. Even the reference in Beauchesne's at paragraph 682(2) concerning the nature of the instruction to the Committee is based upon a 1882 citation dealing with a recommittal motion at Third Reading. In the absence of any authority and given that Members may debate and amend the Bill in Committee and move certain amendments to recommit at Third Reading, the Chair finds that the Member's motion may not proceed.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon.
Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon.
Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, 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 Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved the Bill be amended in section 2(4)(c) by striking out the proposed subsection (2)(b)(ii).

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Bonner	Mitchell	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 34

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Burgener	Hierath	O'Neill
Cao	Jacques	Oberg
Cardinal	Johnson	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jonson	Pham
Day	Klapstein	Renner
Ducharme	Laing	Severtson
Dunford	Langevin	Strang
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Friedel	Magnus	West
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Havelock		

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute for the remainder of this sitting day.

After some time spent therein, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00, the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing
 Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas
 Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
 Ms O'Neill

Mrs. Laing, 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 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 383/97

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 11 introduced by the Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Highlands (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora)
— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 384/97

Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 385/97

Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 386/97

Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 387/97

Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
on division

Sessional Paper 388/97

Amendment to Bill 13 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 389/97

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 390/97

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 391/97

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 392/97

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:

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 15 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on June 3, 1997) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 393/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:29 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 1997, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, presented a petition from 42 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 99 Albertans regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, 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:

Bill Pr1 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques

Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon

The Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk

Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk

Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

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.

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The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period pursuant to Standing Order 15.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ6 asked for by Ms Olsen on May 14, 1997:

How many times *from April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997* has the Government retained outside legal counsel to conduct criminal prosecutions, and how much was paid *in total to those lawyers?*

Sessional Paper 395/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR4 asked for by Ms Olsen on May 7, 1997:

Copies of the *latest ratified* Federal/Provincial Firearms *Financial* Agreement and correspondence or memoranda between the Federal Government and the Department of Justice and Attorney General with respect to the agreement, including copies of any requests for payments made pursuant to the agreement.

Sessional Paper 396/97

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated June 3, 1997, from Dr. A.E. Morris, Director, Continuing Education, Calgary Board of Education, to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, regarding the requirement for a performance bond payment at Viscount Bennett Centre

Sessional Paper 397/97

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

3 letters dated May 12, 1997, from Alice Krueger, Rudolf Klingbeil, and Alma Klingbeil to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the closure of 25 beds in Millwoods Shepherd's Care Centre

Sessional Paper 398/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Study of Plant Operations and Maintenance Costs for Alberta Schools: Based on the 1995-96 Fiscal Year, dated October 25, 1996, report completed for School Finance and Facilities, Alberta Education, by FMT Resources

Sessional Paper 399/97

Custodial Pilot Project: An Analysis and Statistical Comparison of Inhouse and Privatized Custodial Care: Attachment 1, dated April 1997, report completed by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 474, and the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 400/97

Privilege

Oral notice having been given earlier today, Wednesday, June 4, 1997, and pursuant to Standing Order 15, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, raised a purported point of privilege regarding her ability to introduce a Private Members' Public Bill.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement and rule on the issue early next week.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ36, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR27. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of the Alberta Treasury Branches' management response to the Flynn Report entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, December 1994," as cited on page 1 of the Mazankowski Report, entitled "Treasury Branches' Working Group Report, February 1995."

MR28. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Skimmer Oil Separators Ltd./Cambridge Environmental Systems Inc. from January 1, 1992 to April 30, 1997.

MR32. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all studies prepared by or for the Government between January 1, 1993 and April 30, 1997 assessing the feasibility of implementing a flat tax regime in Alberta.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR30. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Ribbon Creek Alpine Village, Pocaterra Development Corporation and Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc. for the period January 1, 1986 to April 30, 1997.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Ribbon Creek Alpine Village, Pocaterra Development Corporation and Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc. for the period January 1, 1986 to April 30, 1997 *for which all parties to the agreements consent to the release of the agreements so that no potential legal liability is imposed on the taxpayer.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR26. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of the external study on the net cash proceeds accruing to the Government from the sale of Alberta Treasury Branches operations as referred to on page 4 of the Flynn Report, entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, December 1994."

MR29. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan and amended loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation from January 1, 1989 to April 30, 1997.

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Letter dated September 13, 1993, from Nashir Vasanji, Vice President and General Manager-Manufacturing, Centennial Food Corp., to Mr. David B. Parker, Financial Analyst, Loans and Guarantees, Alberta Treasury, regarding the disclosure of financing between Centennial Food Corp. and Alberta Treasury

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated.
The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Bonner	Leibovici	Olsen
Carlson	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Nicol	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 48

Amery	Graham	O'Neill
Boutilier	Haley	Oberg
Broda	Hancock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hlady	Severtson
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stevens
Day	Klapstein	Strang
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tannas
Ducharme	Lund	Tarchuk
Fischer	Magnus	Taylor
Forsyth	Mar	Trynchy
Friedel	Marz	West
Fritz	McFarland	Woloshyn
Gordon	Melchin	Yankowsky

MR31. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd. for the period January 1, 1992 to April 30, 1997.

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated.
The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Bonner	Massey	Olsen
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

Against the motion: 47

Amery	Haley	Oberg
Boutilier	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Hlady	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Cardinal	Johnson	Smith
Clegg	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Kryczka	Strang
Doerksen	Lund	Tannas
Ducharme	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fischer	Mar	Taylor
Forsyth	Marz	Trynchy
Friedel	McFarland	West
Fritz	Melchin	Yankowsky
Graham	O'Neill	

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz

Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang

Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:21 p.m. until Thursday, June 5, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, presented a petition from 286 Bow Island residents regarding the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 3 and Centre Street.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, presented a petition from 62 Medicine Hat and area residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, presented a petition from 24 Bow Island and area residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 6 Medicine Hat residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 12 Medicine Hat residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, presented a petition from 93 Rocky Mountain House residents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1995-96, for the period April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 402/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Crossroads Regional Health Authority: A Review of Governance and Communications, dated May 16, 1997, report done by Activation Analysis Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 403/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, c0-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 404/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Response to Written Question No. WQ1 asked for by Mr. Sapers on May 7, 1997:

With respect to the Province's hosting of the 1996 Annual Premiers' Conference at Jasper, Alberta, what are the names of the corporate sponsors of the event and the nature of their donations to the conference?

Sessional Paper 405/97

Western Premiers' Conference, 1996 program, excerpt page highlighting the names of the corporate sponsors of the event

Sessional Paper 406/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, full text of articles adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on November 20, 1989

Sessional Paper 407/97

Hague Conference of Private International Law, Seventeenth Session, Final Act, dated May 29, 1993, regarding the Hague Convention

Sessional Paper 408/97

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

Letter undated, from Jim Sellers, President, Capilano School Council, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding the current level of education funding

Sessional Paper 409/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the partnership between the Reynolds-Alberta Museum and Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, paying tribute to the Hall's inductees and the history of transportation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary on June 7, 1997, of Alberta's Famous Five (Judge Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Louise McKinney, Irene Parlby, Nellie McClung) Persons' Case, in which women were first awarded the status of persons, the right to vote, and the right to hold elected office.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat and Government Caucus Whip, made a statement regarding Private Members' Public Bills, and the order of business on Wednesday afternoons.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of June 9 to June 12, 1997:

Monday, June 9	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private Bills Second Reading Bills Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5, Pr6, Pr7 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 25 Committee of the Whole Bills 18, 27, 21, 10, 17, 19, 23, 24 As per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 18, 27, 21, 10, 17, 19, 23, 24
Tuesday, June 10	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private Bills Committee of the Whole Bills Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5, Pr6, Pr7 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 28, 29, 30
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper

Wednesday, June 11	Eve.	- Private Bills Third Reading Bills Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5, Pr6, Pr7 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills introduced Tuesday Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper
Thursday, June 12	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Committee of the Whole Third Reading As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 20 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 26 No Tax Increase Act — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, June 9, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 9, 1997

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 29 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA), Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 410/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

21 memoranda dated May 26, 1997, from parents opposed to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 411/97

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

22 letters dated June 4, 1997, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East,
from parents opposed to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 412/97

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

Letter dated May 13, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to the
Regional Health Authority Chairs, Community Health Councils, Health and
Health Profession Associations, and Municipalities and Municipal Associations
regarding the principles of the Draft Community Health Councils Regulation and
Draft Community Health Councils (Ministerial) Regulation under the Regional
Health Authorities Act

Sessional Paper 413/97

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Petition signed by 640 Calgary area residents regarding the Calgary General
Hospital closure at the original Bow Valley site, and the maintenance of the
Calgary General Hospital name at the new Peter Lougheed site

Sessional Paper 414/97

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 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act —
Mrs. Burgener
- Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of
Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques
- Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. 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)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

Bill 19 Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon.
Mr. Stelmach

Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang

Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Shariff, 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 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 415/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 416/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 417/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 418/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 419/97

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 420/97

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 421/97

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 422/97

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 423/97

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 424/97

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 425/97

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 426/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:35 p.m. until Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

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 the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, June 11, 1997:

Written Questions: WQ36.

Motions for Returns: MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Speaker's Statement — Private Members' Public Bills

The Chair would like to clarify for the Members the numbering of the second set of Private Members' Public Bills which are being introduced today. The second set is comprised of nine Bills: 211, 212, 214-219 inclusive, and 221. There will be no Bill 213 introduced as the Member for Calgary-Currie, who held this position, has withdrawn her request. There will be no Bill 220 introduced as it was the Chair who held this position prior to being elected as Speaker. Parliamentary Counsel are now accepting Bill requests for Members holding the positions for Bills 222-231 inclusive.

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

Bill 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Provincial Agencies Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 32 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 211 Cost Declaration Accountability Act — Mr. Boutilier

Bill 212 Loan Brokers Act — Ms Kryczka

- Bill 214 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Cao
Bill 215 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Amery
Bill 216 Recall Act — Mr. Gibbons
Bill 217 Pharmaceutical Profession Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Doerksen
Bill 218 Domestic Abuse Act — Ms Blakeman
Bill 219 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon
Bill 221 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Wickman

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated February 4, 1997, entitled "Privacy assurance investigation, financial information about Alberta seniors, Alberta Seniors Benefit Program," with attached open letter dated January 29, 1997, and report dated January 1997, entitled "Investigation into the protection of personal privacy at the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program, Department of Community Development"

Sessional Paper 427/97

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

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 428/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Labour Relations Code, cL-1.2, s18.1(2):

Alberta Labour Relations Board, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 429/97

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

Calgary Board of Education report dated May 1997, entitled "Why do schools differ in achievement test results?"

Sessional Paper 430/97

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ7 asked for by Ms Olsen on May 14, 1997:

From April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997, how many new retainers were entered into by the Department of Justice, to be paid by that Department, for outside legal counsel to represent the Government in civil matters, and how much was paid in total by Alberta Justice to outside counsel for civil matters during that period?

Sessional Paper 431/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated June 4, 1997, from Sheila L. Fraser to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 432/97

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

Letter dated June 6, 1997, from 18 members of Kenilworth School staff to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 433/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, made a statement recognizing the service provided by the Alberta Treasury Branches since its formation in 1938; the future plans for financial viability through the appointment of a Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman; as well as the legislative amendments introduced today.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Western Heritage Centre in Cochrane, and the Alberta/Montana partnership, a three year marketing campaign promoting heritage tourism.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the recent labour dispute resolution reached between Safeway and its employees, and the unfairness and need for reform of Alberta's labour laws.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the first annual Men's Health Week, June 9-15, 1997, in the city of Calgary encouraging proactive health initiatives, and the establishment of a nationwide Men's Health Week Foundation.

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 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

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 209 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Haley

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enter into discussions with the Federal Government to review the tax system to find ways to assist two-parent families where one parent chooses to remain at home.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on Tuesday, June 3, 1997 which read as follows:

that the motion be amended by striking out

two-parent

and striking out

parent

and substituting

caregiver

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

509. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent Alberta Multiculturalism Commission and an independent Alberta Human Rights Commission, separate and distinct from each other.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Black, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the First Session of the 24th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:29 p.m. 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/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 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day
 Bill Pr1 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act — Mrs. Burgener
 Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques
 Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar
 Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
 Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
 Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell
 Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

Mrs. Laing, 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 Pr3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 434/97

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 435/97

Amendment to Bill Pr4 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on behalf of the Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 436/97

Amendment to Bill Pr5 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on behalf of the Hon. Official Opposition Leader) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 437/97

Amendment to Bill Pr7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-West) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 438/97

Amendment to Bill Pr7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member of Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 439/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Minister of Education) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 440/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 441/97

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 442/97

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon.
Mr. Lund

Bill 29 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Black	Haley	Mar
Boutilier	Havelock	Marz
Broda	Hlady	Renner
Burgener	Jacques	Severtson
Cao	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Kryczka	Strang
Day	Laing	Tarchuk
Fischer	Langevin	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	Thurber

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Gibbons	Paul
Carlson	Leibovici	Zwozdesky
Dickson	MacDonald	

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:08 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 1997, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that all residents requiring long term care are able to access this service in an equitable manner within the publicly funded system.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Health Information Protection Act — Mr. Stevens

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

Bill 30 Health Information Protection Act — Mr. Stevens

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Information and Privacy Rights for Albertans: Recommendations for Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Legislation for Alberta, report by the Legislative Task Force, Alberta Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, dated 1993, with article presented by Shirish P. Chotalia and OECD guidelines governing the protection of privacy and transborder flows of personal data

Sessional Paper 443/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised on May 9, 1997, Department of Family and Social Services, 1997-98 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 444/97

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View:

Letter dated May 15, 1997, from Mr. Will Andries, Prairie Bible Institute grade six teacher, with attached 19 letters from students in support for Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 445/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 446/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1997, entitled "Where visions meet"

Sessional Paper 447/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Fax dated June 10, 1997, from Bonnie Labranche to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 448/97

Fax dated June 10, 1997, from Elaine Arthur to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 449/97

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

Responses to questions raised on April 29, 1997, Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, 1997-98 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 450/97

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

Letter dated June 2, 1997, from Allen and Marilyn Verbeek to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in support for Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 451/97

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated June 6, 1997, from 18 members of Kenilworth School staff to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 452/97

Petition signed by one Alberta resident in support for increased funding to private schools

Sessional Paper 453/97

2 letters fax-dated June 11, 1997, from Mr. David A. Lygo and Ms Rita Salloom to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, in support for Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 454/97

Petition signed by 132 Alberta residents in opposition to increased funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 455/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Information Bulletin dated June 1997, volume no. 46 entitled "The Alberta and Western Canadian export experience: 1988-96", by S. Stephen Janzen and Edward J. Chambers, Western Centre for Economic Research, Faculty of Business, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 456/97

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

17 letters dated June 6, 1997, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 457/97

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

Alberta Careers Beyond 2000, by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, excerpt pages highlighting future opportunities in private education

Sessional Paper 458/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ36. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many staff (full-time equivalents) in the Department of Environmental Protection worked, respectively, on air quality monitoring and water quality monitoring on December 31, 1992 and on December 31, 1996?

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many staff (full-time equivalents) in the Department of Environmental Protection worked, respectively, *on ambient air, surface and ground water quality monitoring during the years ending December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1996?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ81, WQ82, WQ83.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR33. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of studies prepared by or for the Government for the period January 1, 1993 to April 30, 1997 evaluating the impact of moving from a tax-on-tax regime to a tax-on-income regime.

MR38. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of all memoranda of understanding (MOUs) between the Government, Sherritt Gordon, and WESTAIM Technologies between January 1, 1990 and May 6, 1997.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, answered that there were no memoranda of understanding (MOU) between the Government, Sherritt Gordon, and WESTAIM Technologies between January 1, 1990 and May 6, 1997.

MR39. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of all royalty assistance agreements between the Government and Suncor Inc. between January 1, 1992 and May 6, 1997.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR34. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of studies prepared by or on behalf of the Government, the Prince Rupert Grain Terminal Board of Directors, and Ridley Grain Ltd. for the period January 1, 1995 to April 21, 1997 evaluating the level of grain throughput required to meet annual principal and interest payments under the financing agreements between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of studies prepared by or on behalf of the Government *for the period January 1, 1995 to April 21, 1997 evaluating the level of grain throughput at the Prince Rupert Grain Terminal.*

MR35. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of all financing agreements and amended financing agreements relating to participating first mortgage bonds and series A participating debentures, between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd. for the period January 1, 1984 to April 30, 1997.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all financing agreements and amended financing agreements relating to participating first mortgage bonds and series A participating debentures, between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd. for the period January 1, 1984 to April 30, 1997 *not otherwise available to the public and for which all parties to the non-public agreements consent to the release of those agreements so that no potential legal liability is imposed on the taxpayer.*

MR40. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Copies of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 statistical summary or activity reports prepared by the Government for each of the foreign trade offices or delegations, indicating the number of Alberta companies assisted, companies by sector, number of inquiries, contacts, meetings by type, number of Alberta promotions, and number of trade missions or government meetings.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 statistical summary or activity reports prepared by the Government for each of the foreign trade offices or delegations, indicating the number of Alberta companies assisted, number of inquiries, contacts, meetings, number of Alberta promotions, and number of trade missions or government meetings.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR37. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of studies prepared by or for the Government, other joint venture partners, the Joint Venture Board or outside consultants, between June 1, 1993 and May 6, 1997, assessing the future economic viability of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader and projections for annual upside interest payments to Alberta over a twenty year period commencing January 1995.

MR41. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Copies of studies or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government evaluating the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit program.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR80.

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 209 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Haley

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that", and substituting the following:

Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day ten months hence.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 49

Amery	Haley	Nicol
Boutilier	Havelock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Paszowski
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Severtson
Clegg	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Tarchuk
Dunford	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	Marz	West
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Yankowsky
Gordon	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Graham		

Against the amendment: 11

Dickson	Mitchell	Sapers
Leibovici	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Pannu	White
Massey	Paul	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1997 — 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 Provincial Agencies Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That Bill 31, Provincial Agencies Continuation Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly believes that some of the Provincial agencies set out in the Schedules may no longer have any assets or be performing any activities by the sunset termination date of December 31, 2003.

Debate continued (on amendment).

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

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

Bill 32 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, absented herself from the debate and vote on Bill 33, Alberta Treasury Branches Act, due to a conflict of interest.

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

Bill 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act —
Mrs. Burgener

- Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques
- Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk
- Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell
- Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms O'Neill
- Bill 19 Livestock and Livestock Products Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Black, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the First Session of the 24th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

Debate continued.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Amery	Havelock	Pham
Broda	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Jonson	Severtson
Cao	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Laing	Stelmach
Ducharme	Magnus	Stevens
Dunford	Marz	Strang
Forsyth	Melchin	West
Graham	Paszkowski	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Leibovici	Nicol
Dickson	MacDonald	Sapers
Gibbons	Massey	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 1997, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 1997

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated June 5, 1997, from Don and Bonnie Brandon to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding medical treatment received on May 30-31, 1997

Sessional Paper 459/97

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR39 asked for by Dr. Nicol on June 11, 1997:

Copies of all royalty assistance agreements between the Government and Suncor Inc. between January 1, 1992 and May 6, 1997.

Sessional Paper 460/97

Responses to questions raised on April 28, 1997, Department of Energy, 1997-98 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 461/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Review of the Mistahia Regional Health Authority dated April 1997, by Mr. Ralph Coombs

Sessional Paper 462/97

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Conference briefing dated May 1997, entitled "Economic benefits of improving literacy skills in the workplace," by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 463/97

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Petition signed by 8 residents of Enchant, Vauxhall and Lomond regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta

Sessional Paper 464/97

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

9 letters dated June 10, 1997, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 465/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on May 15, 1997, Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, 1997-98 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 466/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, made a statement regarding the rescue of Mr. Bill Logan, a Spruce Grove resident, by the United States Coast Guard, and extending sympathy and prayers of hope to the families of the four members of the Coast Guard who are currently missing at sea.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, concurred in the statement.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, made a statement recognizing the volunteers involved in the unsuccessful Calgary bid to be selected as the site for Expo 2005, and in particular Mr. Jack Perraton, the Bid Committee Chairman, and Mayor Al Duerr.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the Calgary General Hospital and the efforts of six volunteers (Dr. Albert Akierman, Ms Jan Anderson, Mrs. Cathy Bouwmeester, Ms Shirley Barwise, Dr. Maryon Robertson, Ms Alice Schwieger) to maintain the name at the new Peter Loughheed Centre.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the efforts of the Northeast Edmonton Association TOPSOIL to protect high quality agricultural land in view of the city's encroachment.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Special Olympics Week, June 15-21, 1997, recognizing the athletes and volunteers involved in the competitions.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, Deputy 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of June 16 to June 19, 1997:

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| Monday, June 16 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 32, 33, 29, 22 As per Order Paper Third Reading Bills 16, 17, 21, 5, 15 As per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 32, 33, 29, 22 As per Order Paper Third Reading Bills 16, 17, 21, 5, 15 As per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, June 17 | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 20, 28, 31 |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 20, 28, 31 |
| Wednesday, June 18 | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Committee of the Whole Third Reading As per Order Paper |

Thursday, June 19

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

Third Reading

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

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to two minutes for the remainder of this sitting day.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Gordon	Marz
Black	Graham	McFarland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Havelock	O'Neill
Cao	Herard	Paszkowski
Coutts	Hierath	Pham
Day	Hlady	Renner
Ducharme	Johnson	Severtson
Dunford	Jonson	Shariff
Evans	Klapstein	Stelmach
Fischer	Laing	Stevens
Forsyth	Langevin	West
Friedel	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Fritz	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Paul
Gibbons	Olsen	White

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Fritz	Marz
Black	Graham	McFarland
Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Broda	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cao	Herard	Pham
Clegg	Hierath	Renner
Coutts	Hlady	Severtson
Day	Johnson	Shariff
Ducharme	Jonson	Stelmach
Dunford	Klapstein	Stevens
Evans	Kryczka	West
Fischer	Laing	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Langevin	Yankowsky
Friedel	Magnus	

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	Massey	Paul
Carlson	Olsen	White
Gibbons		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 5 Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas
- Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 21 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting 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 29 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, June 16, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 16, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 9 Calgary residents regarding a reduction in the \$25.00 application fee to access Government records, as legislated under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 19 Albertans regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 291 Albertans regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, presented a petition from 3,059 Lacombe and area residents regarding additional long term care beds in Lacombe long term care facilities.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 60 Albertans regarding the introduction of legislation to prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 24 Calgary residents in opposition to regionalization and privatization of child protection services.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from Mr. Danny Kinal, Principal, St. Clement Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, in opposition to Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 904 Albertans regarding the raising of amounts paid under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d).

Standing Order 38(1)(d) having been waived:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Special Waste Management Corporation Act, cS-21.5, s14(1):

Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 467/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated June 3, 1997, from Carol Berube, Co-chair, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.) - Alberta Chapter, to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the elimination of Workers' Compensation Board widows' benefits upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 468/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Petition signed by 784 Albertans opposed to the privatization of Moonshine Provincial Park

Sessional Paper 469/97

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

Memorandum dated June 13, 1997, from Joan Swain to Mary MacDonald, as a summary of letters received by the Liberal Caucus in support for and in opposition to, Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 470/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated June 16, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Al Duerr, Calgary Mayor, regarding the 1997 World Police and Fire Games

Sessional Paper 471/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Draft Bill 228, Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1997, First Session, 24th Legislature, sponsored by Dr. Pannu, dated June 16, 1997

Sessional Paper 472/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Offering Circular dated December 18, 1996, regarding Euro Medium Term Note Programme for the issue of Notes with maturities of up to 15 years, by Merrill Lynch International

Sessional Paper 473/97

Form 18K, Annual Report of the Province of Alberta, For Foreign Governments and Political Subdivisions Thereof, dated March 31, 1996, by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC

Sessional Paper 474/97

Securities Registration Prospectus, Province of Alberta, Japanese Yen/Australian Dollar Bonds, First Series (1996), dated November 1996, by Nikko Securities Co. Ltd., with translation by Aoki, Christensen & Nomoto

Sessional Paper 475/97

Response to Written Question No. WQ8 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on May 14, 1997:

With respect to the Treasury Department's creation, publication, production, and distribution of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets, who initiated this project, what was the total cost for all government departments, how many copies of each booklet were produced, and what was the distribution for those copies?

Sessional Paper 476/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR11 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on May 14, 1997:

Copies of each and every receipt issued by the Queen's Printer recording sales of copies of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets profiling each of the province's new electoral divisions.

Sessional Paper 477/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR12 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on May 14, 1997:

Copies of all purchase orders issued and invoices received for the printing of the "Alberta Provincial Electoral Division Profile" series of 83 booklets profiling each of the province's new electoral divisions.

Sessional Paper 478/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR27 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 4, 1997:

Copies of the Alberta Treasury Branches' management response to the Flynn Report, entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, December 1994," as cited on page 1 of the Mazankowski Report, entitled "Treasury Branches' Working Group Report, February 1995."

Sessional Paper 479/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR28 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 4, 1997:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Skimmer Oil Separators Ltd./Cambridge Environmental Systems Inc. from January 1, 1992 to April 30, 1997.

Sessional Paper 480/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR32 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 4, 1997:

Copies of all studies prepared by or for the Government between January 1, 1993 and April 30, 1997 assessing the feasibility of implementing a flat tax regime in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 481/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR33 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 11, 1997:

Copies of studies prepared by or for the Government for the period January 1, 1993 to April 30, 1997 evaluating the impact of moving from a tax-on-tax regime to a tax-on-income regime.

Sessional Paper 482/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR34 asked for by Dr. Nicol on June 11, 1997:

Copies of studies prepared by or on behalf of the Government *for the period January 1, 1995 to April 21, 1997 evaluating the level of grain throughput at the Prince Rupert Grain Terminal.*

Sessional Paper 483/97

Letter dated June 5, 1997, from Mr. Peter Valentine, FCA, Auditor General, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, reviewing Government policies used to value outstanding loans, guarantees and investments, and in particular the value of the investment in the Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill Project (Al-Pac)

Sessional Paper 484/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12.5, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report 1994-95
Sessional Paper 485/97

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 486/97

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 16, 1997, from Nico Wyngaarden, Head, Water Operations Branch, Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Protection, to York Construction Ltd. regarding the completion of the Pat's Creek Storm Drainage Conduit Replacement Project clay dike

Sessional Paper 487/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Memorandum dated June 16, 1997, from Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the Capital Health Authority Report's admission waiting times, with attached letter, dated May 30, 1997, from the Capital Health Authority to Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 488/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services decision:

Salaries and Benefits Disclosure Information, Legislative Assembly Office, for the year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 489/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Financial Statements, Workers' Compensation Board 1995-96, by KPMG Chartered Accountants

Sessional Paper 490/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, made a statement regarding the elimination of the net debt in nine years, and the better-than-expected elimination of the Government's pension liability.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, commented on the statement.

Speaker's Ruling — Private Members' Public Bills

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to rule on a purported question of privilege raised on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, by the Leader of the New Democrat Opposition concerning the introduction of a Private Member's Bill. The Honourable Member provided the Speaker's office with notice more than two hours before the opening of the House that day, so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) were met.

The Chair has real difficulty with determining how the question raised by the Honourable Leader of the third party is one of privilege. In speaking to her question of privilege, the Honourable Leader did not cite any privileges per se that were being violated.

While the Chair does not find that there is a prima facie question of privilege, this is an opportunity to review for all Members the process for Private Members' Bills.

As Members are aware, there is a draw for positions for Private Members' Bills. For this Session, the draw was held on March 27, 1997. A March 21, 1997 memo from Speaker Schumacher to all Members outlined the procedure for the draw and for drafting Private Members' Bills. As the Honourable Leader indicated in speaking to her question of privilege, the Bill draw has existed for some time. The draw took on a different character following the 1993 changes to the Standing Orders. The Chair was intimately involved in those changes which allowed for full and comprehensive consideration of Private Members' Bills. Prior to 1993, Private Members' Bills, if debated at all, received one hour's debate and fell to the bottom of the Order Paper. Now, of course there are time limits for Second and Third readings and Committee consideration. Since the 1993 changes, there have been 12 Private Members' Bills passed by the Assembly, three of which occurred during this session. These changes have given Private Members in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta a unique opportunity to have their Bills considered.

Due to the serious consideration given Private Members' Bills, it is important that they be drafted in order of the draw to ensure fairness. Bills 211-221 have just been introduced in the House. As the Chair indicated last Tuesday, June 10, 1997, prior to introduction of those Bills, Parliamentary Counsel have requested Bill proposals for Bills 222-231. Given her tabling today, it's clear that a proposal was submitted to Parliamentary Counsel. The Chair would remind Members of Standing Order 69 which requires that Private Members' Public Bills be perused by the Speaker and Parliamentary Counsel prior to introduction. Parliamentary Counsel assist Members with the drafting of Private Members' Bills but must act in accordance with the draw.

When Members submit their Bills to Parliamentary Counsel, a version of the Bill with "Draft" across it will be returned to the Member. It is the Chair's understanding that Members have sent out draft Bills for public review with the written proviso on them that they are for discussion purposes only. A Member could, if he or she wished, table the draft version in the Assembly as was done by the Honourable Leader of the New Democrats today.

Since the 1993 changes to the Standing Orders, Private Members' Public Bills have been introduced together. There has been one exception to this practice in the fall of 1995 when the Leader of the Official Opposition introduced Bill 232 out of order. Even if a Member introduced his or her Bill out of order, it would not affect the order in which it was considered. For instance, although Bill 222 may not be introduced until after Bill 228, it would still be considered by the House before Bill 228. To do otherwise would be inconsistent with the purpose and rationale of the draw which, in the Chair's view, works on a fair and equitable basis for all Members.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow Second reading consideration of Bill 34, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, absented herself from the debate and vote on Bill 33, Alberta Treasury Branches Act, pursuant to Standing Order 33 due to a conflict of interest.

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 32 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Mrs. Gordon, 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 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 491/97

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 492/97

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 493/97

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 494/97

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Withdrawn by Mr. Zwozdesky with the unanimous consent of the Committee

Sessional Paper 495/97

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 496/97

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 497/97

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 498/97

Third Reading

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow Third reading consideration of Bill 34, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, absented herself from the debate and vote on Bill 33, Alberta Treasury Branches Act, pursuant to Standing Order 33 due to a conflict of interest.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 32 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 33 Alberta Treasury Branches Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 22 agreed to by the Assembly on June 11, 1997, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

FALL SITTING

DECEMBER 8, 1997 TO DECEMBER 10, 1997

Monday, December 8, 1997

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 Member, Mr. Tom Musgrove, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on June 28, 1997.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the following motion relating to the implementation of the agreement dated October 20, 1997 among the leaders of the three caucuses in the House regarding the national unity issue, copies of the motion having been distributed to Members in the House.

- I. Be it resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders for the sitting of the Assembly commencing December 8, 1997, the exclusive focus of which is to consider Government Motion 23.
 - A. Standing Order 4(1) is suspended and the following substituted:

If at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 7:00 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned until the next sitting day.
 - B. Standing Order 7(1) is suspended so that the daily routine in the Assembly shall be as follows:
 - Introduction of Visitors
 - Presenting Petitions
 - Reading and Receiving Petitions
 - Tabling Returns and Reports
 - Introduction of Guests
 - Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes
 - Members' Statements (Tuesday and Thursday)
 - C. Standing Orders 8(1), 8(2) and 8(3) are suspended so that on each sitting day, after the daily routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be:
 - Government Motions

- D. Standing Order 29 is suspended and the following substituted:
- (1) Notwithstanding Standing Order 23(a), the order of debate on Government Motion 23 shall be:
 - (a) Opening of debate:
 - (i) the Premier,
 - (ii) the Leader of the Official Opposition, and
 - (iii) the Leader of the Third Party;
 - (b) All other Members except those listed in clause (a);
 - (c) Closing of debate:
 - (i) the Leader of the Third Party,
 - (ii) the Leader of the Official Opposition, and
 - (iii) the Premier.
 - (2) (a) The Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party shall each be limited to 20 minutes for opening debate and 20 minutes for closing debate on Government Motion 23.
 - (b) Except as provided in clause (a), no Member shall speak for longer than 10 minutes in debate on Government Motion 23.
- II. And be it further resolved that following the vote on Government Motion 23, the Assembly shall immediately stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant-Governor.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 146 Albertans regarding the limiting of financial support of private schools at current levels of per pupil funding.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 136 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 92 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 16 constituents regarding funding of early childhood services and kindergarten.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 1,319 constituents regarding the modernization of the Okotoks Junior High School.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 164 constituents regarding funding of early childhood services and kindergarten.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 234 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 114 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, presented a petition from 187 constituents requesting the Government not increase the funding to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 168 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 10 Albertans regarding their expectations of a superior quality of public education in Alberta, therefore requesting Government commitment and support.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 206 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 18 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 87 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 121 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 182 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 103 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 115 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 155 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 164 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 147 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, presented a petition from 103 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, presented a petition from 168 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 87 constituents regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 150 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 159 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 104 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 219 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 336 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 143 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 116 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 85 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 194 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 109 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 166 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 87 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 179 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 103 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 151 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, 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 that would prevent the use of replacement workers during strike action.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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 that would raise the amount of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) to a level offsetting inflation and the Goods and Services Tax, thereby restoring the economic value of the AISH subsidy to its recipients.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs:

Dialogue on Unity brochure dated December 1997, entitled "My Canada Is ... Albertans Speak Out on Unity"

Sessional Paper 499/97

18,869 unsigned submissions from Albertans on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 500/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Calgary Education Declaration, dated November 30, 1997

Sessional Paper 501/97

Letter dated December 8, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Mr. Kurt Moench, President, ATA Local 38; Ms Jennifer Pollock, Trustee, Calgary Board of Education; and Ms Joanne Cuthbertson, SPEAK Steering Committee, regarding the Calgary Education Declaration

Sessional Paper 502/97

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, November 1996 General Enumeration and Tuesday, March 11, 1997 General Election, Twenty-fourth Legislative Assembly
Sessional Paper 503/97

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

Letter dated November 26, 1997, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, supporting the special sitting of the Assembly regarding the current national unity initiative, and request for debate regarding the financing of public education

Sessional Paper 504/97

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

Petition signed by Fort McMurray residents requesting the Government maintain the current suitable funding level allocated to private schools

Sessional Paper 505/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 506/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty Fourth Annual Report 1997 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 507/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 508/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report entitled "School Breakfast Programs: Energizing the Classroom", by Minnesota Children, Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

Sessional Paper 509/97

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

Report dated September 9, 1997, entitled "Public Question Period on Education Gives Voice to Concerns for *Calgarians*"

Sessional Paper 510/97

Fax dated December 2, 1997, from Margo L. Crichton to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for *Calgary-*Buffalo**, regarding legislative attention to public education concerns

Sessional Paper 511/97

Letter dated September 17, 1997, from Mrs. Linda Garrett, Chair, and Anne Mueller, Vice-Chair of *Sunalta School Council*, to Ms Gail Surkan, Facilitator, Mayor of the City of *Red Deer*, regarding public education issues in *Sunalta Elementary School*

Sessional Paper 512/97

Letter dated December 4, 1997, from Ross Jacques, Principal, *Connaught School*; Ljiljana Miletic, School Council Chair, *Connaught School*; and Doloris Duvall, CSR ATA Representative, *Connaught School*, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for *Calgary-*Buffalo**, requesting legislative attention and supporting public education as described in the *Calgary Education Declaration*

Sessional Paper 513/97

Calgary Education Declaration, dated November 30, 1997

Sessional Paper 514/97

36 letters dated November 2, 1997, from members of the *Sunalta Elementary School Council* to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the advancing of public education issues

Sessional Paper 515/97

41 letters dated November 2, 1997, from members of the *Earl Grey School Council* to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the advancing of public education issues

Sessional Paper 516/97

Letter dated October 24, 1997, from Jean S.C. Christie to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding the provincial education policy

Sessional Paper 517/97

Letter dated November 17, 1997, from Kurt Moench, President, *Calgary Public Teachers*, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding the *Calgary Public School District Contract Negotiations Information Bulletin* dated October 2, 1997

Sessional Paper 518/97

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

4 letters from Meridian Heights School students to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the loss of two teachers due to public education funding

Sessional Paper 519/97

Samples of the 220 letters received from Albertans to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding full funding for private schools, and their lack of support for Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997

Sessional Paper 520/97

300 letters from Albertans to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding opposition to increased funding for private schools and public education funding levels

Sessional Paper 521/97

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 28, 1997, from Michael Newson to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, regarding opposition to increased funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 522/97

Fax dated December 2, 1997, from Thomas M. Jiry to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding opposition to increased funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 523/97

69 student essays regarding the Calgary Declaration Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 524/97

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

Letter dated December 4, 1997, from Judith E.M. Evans, Co-Chairperson, Capilano School Council, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding the inadequacy of the current funding levels for public education

Sessional Paper 525/97

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

25 student essays regarding the Calgary Declaration Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 526/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s36(1):

Appendix A, General Election 1997, Candidates Who Failed to File Financial Statements On or Before July 11, 1997

Sessional Paper 527/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), s26(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner into Allegations Involving Brian Evans, Q.C., former Minister of Justice and Attorney General, dated November 18, 1997

Sessional Paper 528/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Fact sheet: Health Resources Group Incorporated and correspondence regarding accreditation by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA)

Sessional Paper 529/97

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its disappointment with the lack of leadership provided by the Premier and the Minister of Labour which contributed to the tragic loss of over 1,000 jobs at the Maple Leaf hog processing plant in Edmonton, and urges the Government to immediately make public the lease agreement between the Government of Alberta and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Speaker's Statement — Government Motion 23, Language of Debate and Tabling Procedure

Prior to calling "Orders of the Day", I'd like to make a few comments. The first deals with Members' speaking in an alternate language to English during the course of debate on Government Motion 23 over the next few days. There is certainly no problem with anyone doing so, and in fact speaks to the very interesting diversity of nations represented in Alberta's population. I would however request, as a courtesy, that all Members be provided with a copy of Members' remarks in English prior to their being spoken during the debate in order for everyone to be able to follow what is being said,

and as a courtesy the Members may wish to repeat their remarks in English. For your information, it is the practice for Hansard to print remarks in its verbatim transcripts in both official languages of Canada. All other languages spoken in the Assembly will have the English translation only appearing in print. I would also like to remind Members that they are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the translation of their remarks delivered in the Assembly, as well as responsible for responding to these with the media and the public.

The second point I would like to raise relates to tablings. Although I have always strongly encouraged Members to table reports and documents under the appropriate item of business during the daily routine, that is under "Tabling Returns and Reports", I understand that a number of Members are wishing to table copies of the responses they have received from constituents relative to the consultation that took place on the Dialogue on Unity when they make their remarks on Government Motion 23. For this occasion, and on this occasion only, that is the debate on Government Motion 23, I am not going to discourage Members from tabling these responses at that time. I wish to emphasize, however, that this is for this very special time in our history that such occurrences will be sanctioned.

While on the subject of tablings, our Standing Order 37(3) states that documents presented voluntarily to the Assembly for placement in the records of the Assembly and the Legislature Library may be tabled in quadruplicate by a Member. As these number in the thousands, for this one time only, the Chair is prepared to accept the tabling of one copy which will be retained in the Assembly's historical records. The Library, which normally receives two copies of all tablings, and the copy normally given to the Opposition for their records, will be given a copy of the top page with a notation that the original tablings can be accessed and viewed in the Clerk's Office.

The last point I wish to make relates to one Member who is purportedly going to entertain us with a song. I would ask that Member to please supply all Members with a copy of the words to this song at the appropriate time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, as per the Order Paper issued Thursday, December 4, 1997, pursuant to Standing Order 38(4), moved the following motion:

- 23.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be guided by the input received from Albertans during the public consultation process, "Dialogue on Unity", and on behalf of the people of Alberta concur with the principles embodied in the elements of the Calgary Framework, recognizing that the Calgary Framework is not an amendment to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982, and that the specific wording of any amendment to those Acts must be approved by Albertans in a referendum in accordance with the Constitutional Referendum Act.

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Environics West draft report dated November 25, 1997, entitled "Dialogue on Unity: Albertans Respond"

Sessional Paper 530/97

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, read the Calgary Framework into the record:

1. All Canadians are equal and have rights protected by law.
2. All provinces, while diverse in their characteristics, have equality of status.
3. Canada is graced by a diversity, tolerance, compassion and an equality of opportunity that is without rival in the world.
4. Canada's gift of diversity includes Aboriginal peoples and cultures, the vitality of the English and French languages and a multicultural citizenry drawn from all parts of the world.
5. In Canada's federal system, where respect for diversity and equality underlies unity, the unique character of Quebec society, including its French speaking majority, its culture and its tradition of civil law, is fundamental to the well being of Canada. Consequently, the Legislature and Government of Quebec have a role to protect and develop the unique character of Quebec society within Canada.
6. If any future constitutional amendment confers powers on one province, these powers must be available to all provinces.
7. Canada is a federal system where federal, provincial, and territorial governments work in partnership while respecting each other's jurisdictions. Canadians want their governments to work cooperatively and with flexibility to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the federation. Canadians want their governments to work together particularly in the delivery of their social programs. Provinces and territories renew their commitment to work in partnership with the Government of Canada to best serve the needs of Canadians.

A debate followed.

During debate on Government Motion 23, the following documents were tabled:

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

400 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 531/97

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

431 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 532/97

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

524 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 533/97

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

447 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 534/97

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

599 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 535/97

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

Submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 536/97

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

64 artwork submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 537/97

19 Rundle College Social 10 class essays regarding the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 538/97

Letter dated November 8, 1997, from Janet Anderson to Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, regarding the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 539/97

199 letters submitted from constituents in response to the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 540/97

Fax dated November 4, 1997, from Dave Picken to Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, regarding the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 541/97

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

663 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 542/97

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997 — 7:00 P.M.

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be guided by the input received from Albertans during the public consultation process, "Dialogue on Unity", and on behalf of the people of Alberta concur with the principles embodied in the elements of the Calgary Framework, recognizing that the Calgary Framework is not an amendment to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982, and that the specific wording of any amendment to those Acts must be approved by Albertans in a referendum in accordance with the Constitutional Referendum Act.

A debate followed.

During debate on Government Motion 23, the following documents were tabled:

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

300 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 543/97

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

329 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 544/97

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Norwood and Edmonton Centre: Deliberations on Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity: Report on What Constituents Said, dated November 20, 1997

Sessional Paper 545/97

445 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 546/97

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

297 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 547/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

126 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 548/97

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

584 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 549/97

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

351 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 550/97

Letter dated November 7, 1997, from Marty Forbes, Vice President and General Manager, CFRN/CFBR Standard Radio Inc., United Way Media Relations Chair, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Alberta school cuts

Sessional Paper 551/97

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

160 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 552/97

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

290 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 553/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

320 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 554/97

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater:

160 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 555/97

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated December 4, 1997, from Louise Villeneuve, President, Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding the Calgary Declaration national unity initiative

Sessional Paper 556/97

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

411 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 557/97

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

302 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 558/97

Debate continued.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:38 p.m. until Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 61 constituents regarding the conversion of the Holy Cross Hospital into a facility to house the homeless in Calgary.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 71 Albertans regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 118 Albertans requesting the provision for a plebiscite vote regarding the Calgary General Hospital, Bow Valley Site, remaining open as a full service acute care hospital.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 259 constituents regarding the designation of "Lang House" in Calgary as a historical site.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 27 residents of the Capital Health Region regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 37 Edmonton residents requesting the addition of a Truquant BR RIA diagnostic blood test for early detection of breast cancer recurrence to the schedule of medical benefits under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 47 Edson residents regarding the elimination of the education tax portion of the property tax assessment.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 28 Hinton and Grande Prairie residents in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration dated November 30, 1997.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from over 8,000 constituents requesting legislation to make it illegal in Alberta to ride in the rear of any pick-up truck, or other open bed vehicle, without secured seats and approved seatbelts.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 24 Albertans requesting the de-insuring of induced abortions under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Act.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 170 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 86 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 2,162 Albertans requesting an environmental impact assessment, with public consultation, on the Lethbridge hog slaughtering plant.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 182 Albertans regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 226 Albertans regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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 of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 \$25.00 application fee to access Government records, as legislated under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regulations, to be more in line with the other provinces.

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 ensure that all residents requiring long term care are able to access this service in an equitable manner within the publicly funded system.

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 ensure that all residents requiring long term care are able to access this service in an equitable manner within the publicly funded 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 of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to limit the financial support of private schools at current levels (1996/1997) per pupil funding.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Ms Blakeman, 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 freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Ms Blakeman, 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 end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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 end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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 end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Final Report, October 1997: Alberta Growth Summit '97, Edmonton, September 29-30, 1997

Sessional Paper 559/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

393 submissions from constituents of the Barrhead Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 560/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

343 submissions from constituents of the Rocky Mountain House Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 561/97

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 562/97

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

Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer, Twenty-second Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 563/97

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

Press release by Patti Morris, Red Deer P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth), in support for the petition requesting legislation to make riding in the rear of any pick-up truck, or other open bed vehicle, without secured seats and approved seatbelts, illegal in Alberta

Sessional Paper 564/97

Letter dated December 8, 1997, from Leona Liski, R.N. Nurse Clinician, Calgary P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth), to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, in support for the petition requesting legislation to make riding in the rear of any pick-up truck, or other open bed vehicle, without secured seats and approved seatbelts, illegal in Alberta
Sessional Paper 565/97

Letter dated November 19, 1997, from R.M.G. "Bob" Blair, Sgt., Red Deer City Traffic Services, to Mrs. Dot Egan, regarding changes to provincial legislation pertaining to passengers in pick-up trucks
Sessional Paper 566/97

Fax dated December 2, 1997, from Kelly Kloss, City Clerk, City of Red Deer, to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, regarding a request for legislation to ban riding in truck boxes
Sessional Paper 567/97

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

146 memoranda requesting the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta, and supporting increased funding in public education
Sessional Paper 568/97

96 letters dated October 23, 1997, from parents of children in the public school system to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, opposing increased funding for private schools
Sessional Paper 569/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

71 letters dated October 31, 1997, from parents of children attending Princeton Elementary School in Edmonton to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, opposing increased funding for private schools
Sessional Paper 570/97

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

Resolutions from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, 89th Annual Fall Convention held in Edmonton November 18-20, 1997, highlighting resolutions regarding the health care system
Sessional Paper 571/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

10 letters from community rehabilitation professionals to Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding provision of services to individuals with disabilities
Sessional Paper 572/97

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

163 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 573/97

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

198 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 574/97

Longwoods international report, entitled "Alberta Fiscal Issues Research: May, 1997 "

Sessional Paper 575/97

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

Report submitted to the Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs November 20, 1997, entitled "Unity Report on Constituency Consultations" submitted by: Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark; and Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora

Sessional Paper 576/97

Results of a survey circulated in the constituency of Edmonton-Glenora compiling several hundred responses highlighting the 95% affirmative response to the question "Should there be a fall sitting of the Legislature?"

Sessional Paper 577/97

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Report on the Dialogue on Unity debate from Bob Lickacz regarding submissions by 24 citizens of Canada

Sessional Paper 578/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s61(2):

Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 579/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 21, 1997, from Israel Chafetz, Taylor Jordan Chafetz Barristers and Solicitors, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding Maple Leaf Meats closure in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 580/97

Letter dated September 16, 1997, from Jack Westgeest, President and Business Manager, UFCW Local 312A (United Food and Commercial Workers), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding recent comments in the press relating to Maple Leaf Meats; and an attached letter in response by Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, dated October 22, 1997

Sessional Paper 581/97

Letter dated July 31, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, to Jack Westgeest, President and Business Manager, UFCW Local 312A (United Food and Commercial Workers) and Mr. Israel Chafetz, Legal Counsel, Maple Leaf Foods, inviting the union and the employer to a meeting on August 5, 1997

Sessional Paper 582/97

Mediator's Report dated July 15, 1997, by Colin Taylor, Q.C., pursuant to the Labour Relations Code, cL-1.2, s63(1)

Sessional Paper 583/97

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the holiday generosity of Albertans to charitable efforts, in particular the food and gifts offered by Elmer Gish School, V.J. Maloney Junior High School, Kinettes of St. Albert, and the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement observing the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - International Human Rights Day, December 20, and the need for an independent human rights commission.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement congratulating the Thorhild Boys Bulldog Volleyball Team for placing second to the Cuban national team in a tournament organized by Canada Cuba Culture Tours.

Speaker's Statement — Recognition of Historic Event

I'd like to just pause for a minute or so and ask all Members of the Assembly to join with me in honouring an event. During the spring sitting of this Assembly we made note of a historic event that occurred in this House on April 23, 1997. That evening was the first time in the history of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta that the Presiding Officer and the Table Officers were all women. To commemorate that occasion, I would like all Members of the Assembly to join with me in a presentation to the participants in that historic event.

I would ask that the Deputy Chairman of Committees, Mrs. Judy Gordon, the Clerk Assistant, Louise Kamuchik, and the Parliamentary Counsel, Ms Shannon Dean come forward and stand to my right. I would ask that senior pages would come forward with the presentation items and stand to my left.

What we have, Hon. Members, is a plaque to commemorate this very historic event. What it says is: "Women at the Table, April 23, 1997." It's a picture of the three of them, and on that day also, a copy of the Votes and Proceedings. I would ask page Joel Scheuerman to present one to Mrs. Gordon. I would ask page Kathy Hagedorn to present one to Mrs. Kamuchik. I would ask page Melanie Ramsum to present one to Ms Dean.

Hon. Members, there's also one additional copy of this commemorative plaque, and we will display it on an interim basis in the Members' Lounge pending the identification of a more suitable location in the Legislative Assembly for the history of the province of Alberta.

So, congratulations to all three. Thank you all very much.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions**

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be guided by the input received from Albertans during the public consultation process, "Dialogue on Unity", and on behalf of the people of Alberta concur with the principles embodied in the elements of the Calgary Framework, recognizing that the Calgary Framework is not an amendment to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982, and that the specific wording of any amendment to those Acts must be approved by Albertans in a referendum in accordance with the Constitutional Referendum Act.

A debate followed.

During debate on Government Motion 23, the following documents were tabled:

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

248 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 584/97

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

543 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 585/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

456 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 586/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

197 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 587/97

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

668 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 588/97

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

261 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 589/97

Mrs. Laing moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Government Motions**23.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be guided by the input received from Albertans during the public consultation process, "Dialogue on Unity", and on behalf of the people of Alberta concur with the principles embodied in the elements of the Calgary Framework, recognizing that the Calgary Framework is not an amendment to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982, and that the specific wording of any amendment to those Acts must be approved by Albertans in a referendum in accordance with the Constitutional Referendum Act.

A debate followed.

During debate on Government Motion 23, the following documents were tabled:

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane:

479 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 590/97

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

274 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 591/97

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

342 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 592/97

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services:

142 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is...", and transcripts of unity forum meetings held in Grouard, High Prairie, and Slave Lake

Sessional Paper 593/97

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc:

381 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 594/97

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

300 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 595/97

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul:

201 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 596/97

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

445 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 597/97

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose:

195 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 598/97

Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

245 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 599/97

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

330 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 600/97

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

531 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 601/97

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River:

235 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 602/97

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View:

441 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 603/97

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

155 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 604/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

341 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 605/97

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

391 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 606/97

Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

326 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 607/97

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Wednesday, December 10, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 25 members of the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce opposing the January 1, 1998 Canada Pension Plan amendment, and recommending a privately managed, mandatory retirement savings plan.

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 15 members of the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce opposing the January 1, 1998 Canada Pension Plan amendment, and recommending a privately managed, mandatory retirement savings plan.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 19 Albertans regarding the raising of amounts paid under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 19 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry into the complete operations of the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 19 members of the Altadore Elementary School Council in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 members of the Alternative High School Council in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 13 members of the Earl Grey School Council in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration.

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 of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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 end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 convert the Holy Cross Hospital into a facility to house the homeless in 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 ensure that all residents requiring long term care are able to access this service in an equitable manner within the publicly funded system.

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 provide for a plebiscite vote for the residents of Region 4, as outlined in the Provincial Regional Health Authorities Act, in conjunction with the upcoming provincial election on the following question: "Should the Calgary General Hospital, Bow Valley Site, remain open as a full service acute care hospital?"

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 historically designate "Lang House", in the Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community, on the Mission side at 228 - 26 Ave. S.W., in the City of Calgary, categorized as notable, unique and rare.

On request by Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, respectfully petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation "to make it an illegal act for a person or persons to ride in the rear of any pick-up truck or other open bed vehicle without secured seats and approved seatbelts." This legislation to apply and be enforced on any public road in the province of Alberta.

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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 ensure that all residents requiring long term care are able to access this service in an equitable manner within the publicly funded system.

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 add the Truquant BR RIA diagnostic blood test for early detection of breast cancer recurrence to the schedule of medical benefits under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

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 of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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 of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, 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 of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, 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 of Alberta to end any and all payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

477 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 608/97

Premier's Mission to Asia 1997, Japan and China, including Hong Kong SAR, October 7-21, 1997 trade mission report

Sessional Paper 609/97

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

Over 300 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 610/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Report to Albertans on Balance, Responsibility, Opportunity: 1996-97, Volume 1, Annual Report of the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 611/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s78(1):

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 2: Financial Statements of the General Revenue Fund, Revolving Funds and Regulated Funds

Sessional Paper 612/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 3: Financial Statements of Provincial Agencies, Commercial Enterprises and Crown-controlled Corporations

Sessional Paper 613/97

Public Accounts 1995-96, Volume 4: Financial Statements of Universities, Public Colleges, Technical Institutes and Health Agencies

Sessional Paper 614/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: First Quarter Investment Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 615/97

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Second Quarter Investment Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 616/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-6.1, s13.4(2):

Alberta Securities Commission, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 617/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta Treasury Branches, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 618/97

Government of Alberta, First Quarter Update: 1997-98 Quarterly Budget Report, dated August 28, 1997

Sessional Paper 619/97

Government of Alberta, Second Quarter Update: 1997-98 Quarterly Budget Report, dated November 26, 1997

Sessional Paper 620/97

News release dated December 10, 1997, entitled "Government accepts Auditor General's recommendations"

Sessional Paper 621/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 622/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 623/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Community Development: Section 1, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997
Sessional Paper 624/97

Alberta Community Development: Section 2, Ministry Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997
Sessional Paper 625/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Ministry of Alberta Economic Development and Tourism, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 626/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Education, 92nd Annual Report and 3rd Annual Results Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 627/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, Annual Report 1996-97, including Alberta Department of Energy and Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
Sessional Paper 628/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 629/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Public Service Act, cP-31, s5(2):

Executive Council: Personnel Administration Office, Public Affairs Bureau, Northern Alberta Development Council, and Office of the Chief Information Officer, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 630/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 631/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, 24th Annual Report to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 632/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 633/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 634/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1996-97, entitled "Quality Service through Partnerships"

Sessional Paper 635/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; and the Alberta Housing Act, cA.-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 636/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services (PWSS), Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 637/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 638/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2):

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report 1997
Sessional Paper 639/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 640/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997, dated September 1997
Sessional Paper 641/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Response to the Recommendations of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection, British Columbia Ministry for Children and Families, dated May 1997
Sessional Paper 642/97

Risk Assessment Model for Child Protection in British Columbia, British Columbia Ministry for Children and Families, Child Protection Consultation Services
Sessional Paper 643/97

To Fend for Themselves: Alberta's Approach to Reforming Child Welfare, discussion paper prepared by Alberta's Official Opposition, June 1997
Sessional Paper 644/97

Addendum to "To Fend for Themselves: Alberta's Approach to Reforming Child Welfare", by Alberta Liberal Opposition, dated October 29, 1997

Sessional Paper 645/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Labour Relations Code, cL-1.2, s18.1(2):

Alberta Labour Relations Board, Annual Report April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 646/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 647/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Alberta Workers' Compensation Board, 1996 Report on Objectives

Sessional Paper 648/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Canadian Human Rights Foundation news release dated December 10, 1997, entitled "Edmonton to host major international human rights conference - 1998"

Sessional Paper 649/97

Alberta Community Development news release dated December 9, 1997, entitled "Albertans to show commitment to human rights as part of Human Rights Day ceremonies and award presentation"

Sessional Paper 650/97

Alberta Community Development backgrounder dated December 9, 1997, entitled "Calgary Police Service Cultural Resources Unit"

Sessional Paper 651/97

Letter dated December 10, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Sergeant Lanny Fritz, Cultural Resources Unit, Calgary Police Service, congratulating the Cultural Resources Unit on receiving the Alberta Human Rights Award

Sessional Paper 652/97

Letter dated December 10, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Chief Christine Silverberg, Calgary Police Service, regarding the awarding of the Alberta Human Rights Award to the Cultural Resources Unit

Sessional Paper 653/97

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Edmonton Facts article, volume 4, December 1997, entitled "Poverty trends in Edmonton: the race to the bottom heats up!", from First Reading: Alberta's Social Issues Magazine

Sessional Paper 654/97

Article entitled "Report Card 1997 - Campaign 2000", regarding child poverty in Canada

Sessional Paper 655/97

Canadian Council on Social Development news release entitled "Highlights from - Progress of Canada's Children, 1997"

Sessional Paper 656/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act, cC-8.1, s2.1(3.1):

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 657/97

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 658/97

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated December 2, 1997, from Brenda Jones, Chairperson, Beaverlodge Elementary School Council, to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, with attached petition signed by 17 members of the Beaverlodge Elementary School Council, in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration

Sessional Paper 659/97

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

45 letters from Alberta school councils to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration

Sessional Paper 660/97

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services:

Alberta Family and Social Services facts sheet dated December 1997, entitled "Child welfare - an update"

Sessional Paper 661/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Alberta Teachers' Association, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 662/97

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

436 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 663/97

Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan:

255 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 664/97

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Over 600 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 665/97

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

Fax dated December 5, 1997, from Western Canada High School to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, with attached petition signed by three school council members in support for, and requesting consideration of, the Calgary Education Declaration

Sessional Paper 666/97

Letter dated December 8, 1997, from Judith Sherin, Principal, Janet Johnstone School, to Steve Cymbol, Chairman, Calgary Board Review Team, Calgary Regional Office, regarding the Calgary Board of Education review questionnaire

Sessional Paper 667/97

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Submission to Private Schools Funding Task Force: New Democrat Opposition Submission on Private Schools Funding, dated November 1997

Sessional Paper 668/97

Letter dated November 21, 1997, from Rod Ponech, Chair, Strathcona School Council, Strathcona Composite High School, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding Bill 209 funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 669/97

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

288 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 670/97

Royal Canadian Legion article entitled "Canadian unity: the Royal Canadian Legion Plan of Action"

Sessional Paper 671/97

Fax dated December 10, 1997, from Mrs. Willi Burgess, Constituency Office Manager, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding Mr. McClelland, Edmonton Southwest Member of Parliament, unity report

Sessional Paper 672/97

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

Fact sheet entitled "Why we are fighting two-tier, for-profit health care", from Phyllis Matousek, Chair, S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 673/97

Article entitled "Democracy" by Desmond Achilles

Sessional Paper 674/97

Disenfranchised Widows Action Group - Alberta Chapter, fact sheet

Sessional Paper 675/97

294 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 676/97

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

Petition signed by 13 Albertans in support of the Lymburn School Council position regarding funding for private schools remaining at current levels, decreased, or eliminated

Sessional Paper 677/97

328 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 678/97

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

10 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 679/97

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

454 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 680/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated December 10, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding Ms Blakeman's Member's Statement of December 9, 1997, discussing the status of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission

Sessional Paper 681/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated December 9, 1997, from Jack Westgeest, President and Business Manager, UFCW Local 312A (United Food and Commercial Workers), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Maple Leaf Meats Plant closure and requesting Government involvement

Sessional Paper 682/97

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Members' Services Order 1/97, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 1), dated November 17, 1997, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 683/97

Members' Services Order 2/97, Members' Group Plans Amendment Order (No. 2), dated November 12, 1997, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 684/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be guided by the input received from Albertans during the public consultation process, "Dialogue on Unity", and on behalf of the people of Alberta concur with the principles embodied in the elements of the Calgary Framework, recognizing that the Calgary Framework is not an amendment to the Constitution Acts of 1867 to 1982, and that the specific wording of any amendment to those Acts must be approved by Albertans in a referendum in accordance with the Constitutional Referendum Act.

A debate followed.

During debate on Government Motion 23, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs tabled:

483 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 685/97

Debate continued.

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

The Speaker requested the Members to continue standing, and invited Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont; Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert; and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to join the Speaker on his dais. At the Speaker's request, all Members of the Assembly and those present in the galleries sang Canada's national anthem.

Speaker's Statement — Recognition of Legislative Assembly Staff

I would like to acknowledge the work of staff, many of whom are rarely seen by Members, who support the operations of the House. Florence Marston of the Parliamentary Counsel office provides administrative support to the Private Bills Committee and to Counsel in a broad range of activities including bill drafting. In the House Services Branch we have two Administrative Assistants to committees: Corinne Dacyshyn and Diane Shumyla, who support the committees of the Assembly as well as supporting the House operations. Jo-An Christiansen, our Bills and Journals Clerk, ensures among other things that House documents such as the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and the Journals are produced in an accurate and timely manner. Janis Kiddie provides overall administrative support to the Clerk and to Members in relation to their interparliamentary activities. Behind the scenes on the ninth floor of the Annex are the staff of Hansard led by Vivian Loosemore and supported by Carol Holowach, Deirdre Grist, Liz Sim, Jane Pickard, Madalyn Johnson, and Carol Delainey. This group, along with the sessional staff of input and copy editors, recordists, and messengers work many hours after the House has adjourned to ensure that by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow all Members will receive the Hansard of today's session.

In relation to those staff who are more visible to Members, I want to acknowledge the work of the security staff under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Brian Hodgson, and his Associate Sergeant, Mr. Al Gowler, who help ensure our security while we're in the House. We need to recognize, as well, the work of our Pages, who do an outstanding job of looking after our needs here in the Chamber.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the support of my office staff and the Table Officers provide to me, to Members, and all caucus staff in the operation of the House, and I would ask that all Members of this Assembly remember all those Members of this Assembly who may be ill over the ensuing holiday period.

The Speaker invited Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands; Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to extend Christmas greetings and the best of the season to the citizens of Alberta.

Adjournment

Pursuant to the unanimous consent granted December 8, 1997 to the House Agreement in relation to Government Motion 23, the Assembly adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

PROROGATION

JANUARY 26, 1998

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 First
Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Alberta:

Neil McCrank,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
January 26, 1998, 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
Second Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature,
WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all
others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the
27th day of January 1998, 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
Third day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Ninety-seven in the Forty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JON HAVELOCK,
Provincial Secretary.