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Tuesday, January 27, 1998

This being the first Day of the Second 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 third day of December 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...

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1998

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.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer, he invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and those present in the galleries in singing Canada's national anthem.

In recognition of the historic event which occurred earlier in the Legislative Assembly Building rotunda, the Speaker described the history and purpose of the Black Rod. Special thanks were given to the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command Royal Canadian Legion and all those who assisted in the creation of Alberta's newly installed Black Rod.

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

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From The Throne

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

Fellow Albertans, it is my privilege and my pleasure to welcome you to the Second Session of the Twenty-fourth Alberta Legislature.

Preparing for the future is very important to Albertans. Our greatest obligation is to leave our children and our grandchildren a province that is even better than the one which was left to us. This is the mission to which my Government rededicates itself as we approach a new millennium. Our young people must be our top priority.

Over the past five years, Albertans have built a solid foundation for the next generation. Thanks to their hard work, there is renewed and more balanced prosperity throughout our house. Alberta enjoys the highest employment rate in Canada, and the highest forecasted economic growth in the country. This year's budget surplus is projected at \$2 billion. The net provincial debt should be gone by the year 2000 or 2001 if oil and gas prices remain stable.

But there is more work to do. After eliminating the net debt, Albertans will still face their first mortgage - a total of accumulated debt of \$14 billion. Although this debt is offset by assets like the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, it still costs the province more than \$1 billion in interest payments each year. At the same time, Alberta's strong economic growth is generating more activity and attracting more people, boosting demand for government services such as schools, hospitals and roads.

At the Alberta Growth Summit, Albertans told their Government to respond to the pressures of growth, and to develop the heart of our Alberta Advantage - our people - while remaining fiscally responsible. Our Government must strike a balance between paying down the mortgage, and expanding the house to meet the needs of a growing household.

Accordingly, for the next three years, the Government will direct the first \$1 billion of any annual surplus to pay down the provincial debt; the next \$250 million to one-time initiatives in Albertans' priority areas; and any remaining surplus to further payments on the mortgage.

Reinvesting in Albertans is a pillar of our Government's "Agenda for Opportunity." But it will never return to simply throwing money at problems. It will keep searching for new and better ways to deliver responsive and responsible programs and services. At the Alberta Growth Summit, the private sector committed to being an energetic and responsible partner with Government in efforts like work experience, apprenticeship and mentor programs.

Albertans' priority on developing people reflects an understanding that they are the driving force in our society and our economy, and that all Albertans must have the opportunities they need to develop their full potential, and to contribute actively to their families, their workplaces and their communities.

The primary foundation for this is education. Our goal is to have the best educated young people in Canada, with our students posting the highest achievement results in the country by 2001. Albertans want an education system that instills in our children the values that made our province strong: the values of self-reliance, self-discipline, respect for others, honesty and industriousness.

Our Government will increase funding for kindergarten to grade 12 by 13 percent, or \$380 million, over the next three years. The grant for basic instruction will increase, to give school boards more flexibility to meet their students' needs. The Government will ensure that this flexibility remains by planning for, and funding, annual increases in enrollment. It will continue both to ensure public quality education through public, separate and charter schools, and to support parents who choose private or home schooling.

The Government will continue its commitment to help students learn through the use of technology. For the first time, it will outline a standard of knowledge and technical skills which students are expected to acquire. It will make funding for technology more flexible by eliminating the requirement for school boards to match Government funding for that purpose. And it will provide further funding to address the costs of transporting students, and also revise its formula for funding transportation to and from rural schools to encourage greater safety and efficiency.

Our Government will launch a program to catch and correct reading problems as soon as they appear - as early as kindergarten. It will enable school boards to hire intern teachers to help teachers assess, and further support, students who show early signs of falling behind. It will extend funding for English as a Second Language programs, to give Canadian-born children from families in which English is the second language the same chance and support to learn English as immigrant students. It will increase funding for students with special physical and mental difficulties. It will keep working with local service providers to find ways to better coordinate services for children, to help them overcome social, economic and family-related barriers to learning.

Albertans stressed the importance of ensuring that our young people have every opportunity to learn a marketable skill, and to improve their skills as they progress through life. The Government's reinvestment program for Advanced Education and Career Development calls for an increase of about 7.5 percent, or \$95 million, between now and 2001.

The Government will create more places for the rising number of high school graduates entering our post-secondary institutions. It will expand its apprenticeship programs, particularly in areas required by Alberta's thriving economy. It will work with institutions and the private sector to create a \$30-million tuition bursary for students with the greatest financial need, and to identify requirements for knowledge and skills.

Our Government will communicate these requirements through efforts like the Alberta Learning Information System, which gives young people details on opportunities for learning and careers. It will modernize research infrastructure and help to attract quality researchers. And it will consider, with students and others, the merits of legislating a freeze on the tuition cap at 30 percent of expenditures related to credit programs.

The Government maintains its commitment to help all Albertans maintain or regain their independence and to support the truly needy. Over the next three years, it will increase funding for Family and Social Services by more than five percent, or about \$70 million, to handle growing caseloads in child welfare and handicapped children's services; and to fund women's shelters and Family and Community Support Services.

Our Government will aim to keep children physically, mentally and emotionally safe through a "Forever Homes" initiative that serves them until their original home is healed, or an adoptive home is found to nurture them for the long term. The move towards more community-based services will continue with the transfer of responsibilities to the Child and Family Services Regional Authorities, and the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Boards. This will ensure the delivery of comprehensive, integrated programs to meet the developmental needs of children and families.

The Government will take new steps to combat teenaged prostitution, and to address the needs of children affected by fetal alcohol syndrome, and find ways to prevent it. Children in low-income families will receive further support under the National Child Benefit, for which our Government will complement increases in federal Child Tax Benefits. And reflecting the Government's commitment to easing Albertans' tax burden, low- and middle-income working families will receive two payments for 1998 totalling up to \$1000 under the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit.

High-quality, accessible and sustainable health care remains an important part of our Government's Agenda for Opportunity. It will increase funding for health to meet the changing needs of a growing and aging population. Reflecting the broad view of health taken at the Alberta Growth Summit and elsewhere, there will be more emphasis on monitoring the state of Albertans' health and on protecting and promoting good health, and continued emphasis on treating illness, especially in the area of mental health.

The Government will frame standards and measures for our health system. It will continue to develop a modern system to use and share information on health. After consulting extensively with Albertans, it will develop new legislation to protect the privacy of information on their personal health.

Our Government will address the needs of Alberta's seniors through a review of long-term care services in the province. It will assess the effectiveness of its new legislation to protect persons in care. And it will review the impact of an aging population on public programs such as social housing, to respond to the changing needs of our seniors.

Our Government will provide more protection within the legal system to victims of family violence. It will act on the pending report of the MLA committee set up to recommend improvements to the province's Maintenance Enforcement Program, and access to children. It will act on the report of the task force on the appointment of Provincial Court judges. It will better protect vulnerable consumers under new, consolidated legislation governing fair trading. It will explore issues relating to Aboriginal justice. And it will keep pressing to make our roads safer, and to reduce the incidence of traffic collisions.

Our Government will join with Albertans to strengthen our communities even further. It will complete regional library systems, and it will provide a province-wide electronic library network. It will help problem gamblers through non-residential treatment, a site on the Internet for young people, and training programs. And in keeping with the Government's commitment to return more lottery revenues directly to the communities, volunteer local boards will allocate some \$50 million to worthy community projects.

The Government will encourage local governments to plan for their future by finding new ways to manage resources, and to structure collaborative systems of delivering services. It will provide targeted financial support to communities which need help to establish and sustain essential services.

Another priority identified by Albertans is managing the increasing demands and wear on the roads, buildings and technology required to meet the challenges of economic growth in our province. The Government will reinvest in Alberta's infrastructure, starting with accelerating the development of the North-South Trade Corridor extending from Alberta's border west of Grande Prairie down to the American border at Coutts. When this is substantially finished by the year 2007, it will allow for escalating traffic by industry and tourists.

Although financial indicators suggest that our province's economy will continue to thrive, Albertans recognize the danger of complacency. Our Government's goal is to have this province acknowledged as the centre of economic growth and prosperity in Canada by the turn of the century. It will continue to create the climate for prosperity for all Albertans, and to build on the Alberta Advantage that attracts business, investment and jobs to our province.

Through its unique partnership with the Alberta Economic Development Authority, our Government will improve the climate for expanded manufacturing and processing, and advanced and emerging technologies. It will pursue international trade through efforts like Team Canada's recent visit to Latin America, and Team Alberta's mission to Asia last fall. It will continue to improve the province's tax climate by phasing out provincial taxes on machinery and equipment. And it will look at reforming Alberta's personal income tax system.

In energy, our Government will produce legislation to complete the deregulation of the electricity industry to provide consumers with more choice in a competitive market. It will act on industry-led consultations on royalty and related information systems. It will work with industry to resolve outstanding issues around pipeline tolls and to encourage more construction of pipelines. Our Government will contract out its rural electrification loan portfolio to give farmers more flexibility and to reduce administration. And responding to requests from rural gas co-operatives, it will allow customers to control gas brokerage services through an elected board of directors.

In agriculture, the Government will design plans to allow the cattle industry to inspect brands on its own. And it will discuss with interested parties and develop a new approach to locating intensive livestock operations.

Environmental issues are a pressing concern for all Albertans. The Government will streamline and clarify decision-making structures and processes regarding natural resources. It will include a strategy to protect Alberta's water in its new framework to manage the province's water resources when the Water Act comes into force. And it will improve its program to build a network of protected areas of wilderness and to manage a growing system of parks for people to enjoy long into the future.

In science and research, our Government will introduce legislation to bring a cohesive and efficient approach to encouraging innovation. It will foster investment by the private sector and other partners.

As proud Canadians, Albertans will continue to play a leading part in renewing a strong and effective federation, including Quebec. Following the Alberta Legislature's unanimous approval of the Calgary Declaration, Albertans will continue to take the lead in negotiating inter-governmental issues like roles and responsibilities in various sectors of social policy and federal spending powers.

Our Government will help to complete a Canada-wide agreement to harmonize environmental management. It will work to meet the reductions for emissions of greenhouse gases agreed to by the provinces and the Federal Government, while ensuring the continued development and growth of Alberta's energy industry. It will seek to include the nation's municipalities, academic institutions, schools and hospitals in the Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade.

Our Government will work with the Federal Government to address outstanding land claims by Alberta's Aboriginal peoples. It will clarify its approach to land claims obligations, intergovernmental relations and Aboriginal self-reliance. And it will improve the governance of Alberta's Metis settlements.

Our Government will continue to listen to Albertans and to respond to their concerns. This year, an all-party committee of this Legislature will seek people's views on the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. And after more than three years of discussions with the public and with health professionals, the Government will table legislation relating to the governance, registration and continuing competence and conduct of professionals in the field of health care.

The Government will continue to provide responsive and responsible programs through a public service recognized as among the most focussed, creative and productive in Canada. It will strive to retain, attract and develop the talented, skilled and versatile employees required to serve Albertans' developing needs into the next century.

Shortly, our Government will provide a detailed response to each of the recommendations made at the Alberta Growth Summit. In mid-February, the Provincial Treasurer will present a budget outlining the fiscal blueprints for the Government's Agenda for Opportunity.

Fellow Albertans, our Government's mission, and its commitment, are clear. Responding to your wishes, it will stay its course of financial responsibility with balanced budgets and diminishing debt. It will reinvest wisely in Albertans' priorities. And as the Premier has declared, children will come first in the house we call Alberta.

Now I leave you to the business of this session, confident that as elected representatives, you will in every way fulfil 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 "Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act." Hon. Mr. Klein accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Tabling Documents

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

Sessional Paper 1/98

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

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

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 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)	Fritz	Renner
Amery	Johnson	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)	Kryczka	Pham
Burgener (Deputy Chairman)	Langevin	Sloan
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Cao	Magnus	Strang
Cardinal	Marz	Tannas
Coutts	McFarland	Tarchuk
Herard	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	Olsen	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Strang (Chairman)	Cardinal (Deputy Chairman)
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The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Hon. Mr. Havelock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Deputy Speaker to move the motion pertaining to the acceptance of the Black Rod by the Assembly.

Moved by Mr. Tannas:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta accepts with sincere gratitude the Black Rod presented by the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command Royal Canadian Legion, recognizing the gift as an expression of their loyalty, service and sacrifice to sovereign, country and province. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command Royal Canadian Legion and that an engrossed scroll of presentation, including a list of current officers of the Legion's executive, be entered upon the Journals of the Legislative Assembly.

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

“On behalf of all members of the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command Royal Canadian Legion, we desire that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will accept this new Black Rod. We desire that it always be seen as a symbol of our fealty to Our Queen, to our legislative and parliamentary institutions and that which was given by past and serving Legionnaires in peace and in war.

It is our fervent hope that the Black Rod, which we now ask the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to accept, will play its part in the parliamentary procedure of Alberta through many centuries of peace, progress and prosperity.”

(Signed) Tom Barton, President, Alberta-Northwest Territories Command
Royal Canadian Legion

Current Officers of the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command Royal Canadian Legion:

President	Tom Barton	Lougheed, Alberta
First Vice President	Bob Gray	Calgary, Alberta
Vice President	Gerry Stoneman	Strathmore, Alberta
Vice President	John Poynter	Athabasca, Alberta
Vice President	Alastair Mitchell	St. Albert, Alberta
Treasurer	Stewart Black	Innisfail, Alberta
Hon. Solicitor	Vince O'Connor	Calgary, Alberta
Immediate Past President	Peter Teichrob	Calgary, Alberta
Chairman	Bob Hannah	Drumheller, Alberta
Vice Chairman	Kerry Wittkopf	Wainwright, Alberta
Command Secretary	Ron Rivard	Calgary, Alberta

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

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. John Drobot, Hon. Member for St. Paul, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on January 17, 1998.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 3,341 Albertans regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 259 constituents regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its disappointment with the lack of leadership provided by the Premier and the Minister of Public Works in refusing to get tough with Maple Leaf Foods Inc., thereby allowing the systematic dismantling of their Edmonton meat-packing plant.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Vietnamese and Chinese people in Alberta who are today celebrating the start of the Year of the Tiger.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the COMPRU clinic at the Misericordia Community Hospital on its recent program achievements.

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 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 202 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Sloan

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 3/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 4/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 5/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 6/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 7/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

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Sessional Paper 8/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 9/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, gave notice that Government Members would also be tabling their expense claims at a future date.

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

Open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding his request to the Legislative Assembly Office for copies of expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and stating that other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts were available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 10/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 11/98

Letter dated December 2, 1997, from Jayanti Negi, Executive Director, Millwoods Centre for Immigrants, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting an increase in the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 12/98

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 13/98

Investing for Growth: A Strategic Development Plan for Alberta's Tourism Industry, July 31, 1997, by Travel Alberta - excerpt pages 12 and 13 highlighting industry performance measures under the terms of the fee-for-service contract

Sessional Paper 14/98

Letter dated December 4, 1997, from Peter C. Crerar, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Travel Alberta, to Mr. Bruce Wilson, Executive Director, Tourism Development Agency, Alberta Economic Development, regarding industry performance measures and future funding based upon a return on investment (ROI)

Sessional Paper 15/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 16/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 17/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 18/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding his request to the Legislative Assembly Office for copies of expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and stating that other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts were available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 19/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 20/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 21/98

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

Alberta Liberal Opposition pamphlet dated February 1997, entitled "Education for a Better Future: A Strategy and a Solution from Your Alberta Liberal MLAs"

Sessional Paper 22/98

Pamphlet dated January 1998, entitled "Edmonton: Smart Education"

Sessional Paper 23/98

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, 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 Public Works in refusing to get tough with Maple Leaf Foods Inc., thereby allowing the systematic dismantling of their Edmonton meat-packing plant.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Vietnamese and Chinese people in Alberta who are today celebrating the start of the Year of the Tiger.

A debate followed.

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

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

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A debate followed.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions and Motions for Returns

The Deputy 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.

Deputy Speaker's Statement — Written Questions and Motions for Returns

While we're on the subject of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, I would like to remind all Honourable Members of the process to be followed when these items of business are called on Wednesdays. I quote the Speaker's ruling of October 1994 which appears in Hansard on pages 2442 and 2443:

".....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..."

As for amendments to Written Questions and Motions for Returns, should any be proposed, the Chair would like to refresh everyone's memory of the procedure that was established last year following some confusion on this issue, a procedure which seems to have worked out rather well. Members are reminded that under Standing Order 42, amendments must be in writing, and the practice is to have 90 copies prepared for distribution. As these items of business are set down well in advance on the Order Paper and there is ample time to consider amendments, 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 sponsor of the Written Question or Motion for Returns so that he or she is able to address it on the respective Wednesday and have ample time to discuss the amendment with the responsible Minister if necessary. This exchange of information should occur before 11:00 a.m. on the Wednesday that the Written Question or Motion for Returns is to be dealt with.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Coutts moved the following motion, seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Thursday, January 29, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 1998

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period today, regarding comments made in Question Period by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

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 the Legislative Assembly congratulate the nearly 100,000 Muslims in Alberta on the completion of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Yesterday was the end of Ramadan, today is Eid, the day of celebration. We would like to wish Eid Mobarik to everyone celebrating this joyous occasion.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate all athletes and coaches who will be representing Canada at the Winter Olympics to be held in Nagano, Japan, February 6 to 23, 1998.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
- Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 203 Municipal Government (Environmentally Significant Areas) Amendment Act, 1998— Ms Kryczka
- Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Doerksen on behalf of Mr. Herard
- Bill 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff
- Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson on behalf of Ms Forsyth
- Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald
- Bill 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier
- Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen

- Bill 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson
- Bill 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers
- Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz
- Bill 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 214 Post-Secondary Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Dr. Massey
- Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
- Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Community Facility Enhancement Program: Approved Applications, listing by location

Sessional Paper 24/98

Community Facility Enhancement Program II: Approved Projects, listing by location

Sessional Paper 25/98

Community Facility Enhancement Program III: Approved Applications, listing by location

Sessional Paper 26/98

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, 1997

Sessional Paper 27/98

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

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Annex: Text of the Covenant

Sessional Paper 28/98

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

Agenda for Opportunity backgrounder entitled "Education reinvestment to 2000/2001", by Alberta Department of Education

Sessional Paper 29/98

Oral Question Period

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

Standard and Poor's article dated November 1997, entitled "Canadian Focus: Provincial Analyses", regarding Alberta's credit profile and noting the possibility of future enactments of revenue measures if required to meet debt reduction goals

Sessional Paper 30/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Lunar New Year celebrations by the Chinese and Vietnamese communities, and in particular the Viet Canadian Association of Edmonton cultural ceremony.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement expressing concern for the Regional Health Authorities' boundaries which create inequities in the funding and provision of health care.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the December 14, 1997, fire in Livingstone-Macleod which destroyed over 72,000 acres of land, and thanking the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, fire fighters, and other community volunteers for their assistance.

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 February 2 to February 5, 1998:

Monday, February 2

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 1, 2, 7, 10

**Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne**

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| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 1, 2, 7, 10
Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne |
| Tuesday, February 3 | (4:30) | - | Government Bills and Orders
Government Motions
Easter and Sessional Adjournment
Motions |
| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading,
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
Bills 1, 2, 7, 10
Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne |
| Wednesday, February 4 | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 5, 8, 9, 11
Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne |
| Thursday, February 5 | Aft. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne
Second Reading,
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
Bills 1, 2, 7, 10 |

Privilege

Oral notice having been given earlier today, Thursday, January 29, 1998, and pursuant to Standing Order 15, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, raised a purported point of privilege regarding his ability to represent his constituents due to comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, relating to VLTs (video lottery terminals).

A debate followed.

The Speaker ruled on the purported question of privilege.

“The Speaker’s Office was notified at 11:00 a.m. today that the Leader of the Official Opposition would be raising this purported question of privilege in compliance with Standing Order 15(2). The Chair finds that this was the earliest opportunity to raise the matter.

Under Standing Order 15(7), it is the Speaker’s role to determine whether there is a prima facie case of privilege. After carefully listening to the arguments and reading yesterday’s Hansard, the Chair does not find that there is any threat contained in the Premier’s comments on VLTs (video lottery terminals). Accordingly, the evidence does not support a prima facie case of privilege. Under Standing Order 15(7), when the Speaker finds there is no prima facie case of privilege, there are no further proceedings on the matter.”

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 the Legislative Assembly congratulate the nearly 100,000 Muslims in Alberta on the completion of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Yesterday was the end of Ramadan, today is Eid, the day of celebration. We would like to wish Eid Mobarik to everyone celebrating this joyous occasion.

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

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate all athletes and coaches who will be representing Canada at the Winter Olympics to be held in Nagano, Japan, February 6 to 23, 1998.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, February 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 2, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, 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 funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the following change in membership be made to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Mr. Klapstein to replace Mr. Friedel.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognize February as Black History Month in Alberta and congratulate the National Black Coalition of Canada, Alberta Chapter, and its related organizations for undertaking various activities in this regard.

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate the women's curling team from the Edmonton Ottewell Curling Club: Cathy Borst, Heather Godberson, Brenda Bohmer, Kate Horne, and coach Darryl Horne, for winning the Alberta Women's Curling Championship yesterday. We wish the team success at the upcoming Canadian Scott Tournament of Hearts in Regina.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated January 30, 1998, entitled "Alberta Justice Summit announced"

Sessional Paper 31/98

Speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to the Canadian Bar Association on January 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 32/98

Summary of the Environics West Poll of Albertans on the Justice System entitled "Focus Alberta 1997: Department of Justice"

Sessional Paper 33/98

Summary of the Angus Reid Group Survey conducted between May 28 and June 2, 1997, entitled "Public Confidence in the Justice System"

Sessional Paper 34/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Canada-wide Accord on Environmental Harmonization signed January 29, 1998, at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, and sub-agreements on: environmental assessment, environmental inspections, and environmental standards

Sessional Paper 35/98

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca:

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca, to Mr. Michael Broodhagen, President, National Black Coalition of Canada (Edmonton Chapter), offering congratulations on the occasion of Black History Month

Sessional Paper 36/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. John Hugh Currie offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 37/98

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Bobby Curtola offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 38/98

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Zoie Gardner offering congratulations on her appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 39/98

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Harley Hotchkiss offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 40/98

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Wayne Gretzky offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 41/98

Letter dated February 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Cathy Borst offering congratulations to her and her teammates for winning the Alberta Scott Tournament of Hearts women's curling championship

Sessional Paper 42/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Edmonton Police Service Media Relations Section news release dated February 2, 1998, entitled "Chief of Police John Lindsay wishes to reaffirm the support and approval of the Edmonton Police Service for the proposed Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act"

Sessional Paper 43/98

Letter undated, from DeWayne Brown, Director, Crossroads Outreach, to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, in support for Bill 1, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

Sessional Paper 44/98

Letter dated January 30, 1998, from Ross MacInnes, Executive Director, Street Teams Society, to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, in support for Bill 1, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

Sessional Paper 45/98

Children who died in child welfare care: April 1, 1997 to January 15, 1998, from Alberta Family and Social Services Communications

Sessional Paper 46/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Child and Family Resources Association (CAFRA) accreditation criteria adopted at the Annual General Meeting, May 28, 1997, and by mail-in ballot, June 1-6, 1997

Sessional Paper 47/98

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

Open letter to constituents dated February 2, 1998, regarding his request to the Legislative Assembly Office for copies of expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and stating that other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts were available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 48/98

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Alberta Tourism Partnership Corporation leverage report as of January 27, 1997

Sessional Paper 49/98

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Minister of Education's Mission to Asia - 1997: Japan and China, including Hong Kong SAR Report, October 7-22, 1997

Sessional Paper 50/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-3, s3(2):

Twentieth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the Calendar Year 1996
Sessional Paper 51/98

Oral Question Period

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

Workers' Compensation Board Recommendation No. 4 regarding the practice of automatic payment of life-time pensions to dependent spouses being replaced by retraining and rehabilitation, and pensions now being paid for a specific term with re-marriage not constituting reason for termination of benefits
Sessional Paper 52/98

During Oral Question Period, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Edmonton Sun article dated February 23, 1993, entitled "Gainers won't close, Ralph Klein promises"
Sessional Paper 53/98

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognize February as Black History Month in Alberta and congratulate the National Black Coalition of Canada, Alberta Chapter, and its related organizations for undertaking various activities in this regard.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate the women's curling team from the Edmonton Ottewell Curling Club: Cathy Borst, Heather Godberson, Brenda Bohmer, Kate Horne, and coach Darryl Horne, for winning the Alberta Women's Curling Championship yesterday. We wish the team success at the upcoming Canadian Scott Tournament of Hearts in Regina.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Ms Forsyth on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

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

Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang

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

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

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998 — 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 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

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

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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. Bonner 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 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 5,351 Albertans regarding the requirement of a licence suspension for 90 days or up to the time of court appearance and disposition, for any person charged with impaired driving.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 354 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 576 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 120 constituents regarding the freezing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 66 constituents regarding the reducing of per pupil grants of public money to private schools to \$0.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, 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 funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 4, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize the fine work that over 40,000 Albertans will be doing in canvassing the province during the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Heart Month.

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Crime Stoppers for its success in raising over \$120,000 in a telethon this weekend to support the Crime Stoppers program in Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill

Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

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

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill

Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 54/98

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

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 55/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated January 28, 1998, from Brad Wright, Canadian Federation of Independent Business - Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concerns regarding changes in the departmental system of sale and registration of hunting and angling licenses

Sessional Paper 56/98

Letter dated January 20, 1998, from Keith Reed, Proprietor, Namao Store, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concerns regarding changes in the departmental system of sale and registration of fishing and hunting licenses

Sessional Paper 57/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to John Paquet, Executive Director, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, offering congratulations on the February Heart Fund Campaign and their strong volunteer canvassers and helpers support

Sessional Paper 58/98

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

Cure or Curse: For Profit, Two-tier Health Care, document prepared and distributed by S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 59/98

Alberta Growth Summit: Population Trends, prepared by Alberta Treasury, Statistics, highlighting population projection of seniors in Alberta

Sessional Paper 60/98

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 1996-97
Sessional Paper 61/98

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

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Mr. Ian Proctor, President, Crime Stoppers Edmonton Association, offering congratulations on the successful annual telethon which raised over \$120,000

Sessional Paper 62/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 26, 1997, from Cliff Wallis, Past-President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with attached petition signed by over 1,000 individuals expressing concern about the current Agricultural Lease Review process and the ongoing sale of public lands

Sessional Paper 63/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, made a statement regarding the Year 2000 challenge and the Government's efforts to ensure that Government departments meet the challenge as they enter the next millennium.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the inaugural of the Trans-Canada Snowmobile Trail beginning January 3, 1998 with 16 snowmobilers leaving St. Anthony, Newfoundland, covering 11,000 kilometres before ending February 14, 1998 in Squamish, British Columbia.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement expressing concern for government policy regarding access to public lands which should utilize an open forum for policy development, and expressing support for the Alberta Forest Conservation Strategy and the Special Places Program which protect natural landscapes.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and worship which ended Thursday, January 29, 1998, and its meaning for the over 1 billion Muslims throughout the world, including the 65,000 Albertans of the Muslim faith.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize the fine work that over 40,000 Albertans will be doing in canvassing the province during the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Heart Month.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Crime Stoppers for its success in raising over \$120,000 in a telethon this weekend to support the Crime Stoppers program in Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

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 201 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the Office of the Children's Advocate an Office of the Legislative Assembly completely independent from the Government.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), 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

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Bonner	Mitchell	Sloan
Carlson	Olsen	Soetaert
Dickson	Pannu	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Paul	

Against the motion: 43

Amery	Gordon	McClellan
Black	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Havelock	O'Neill
Broda	Hierath	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Fischer	Lund	West
Forsyth	Magnus	Woloshyn
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Government Motions

8. Oral notice having been given Monday, February 2, 1998, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following change in membership be made to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Mr. Klapstein to replace Mr. Friedel.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 9, 1998, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned for three sitting days until Monday, April 20, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the Second 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.

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 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998 — 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 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 3)

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

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 19 constituents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the shortage of hospital emergency beds in the province.

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the University of Alberta Law School for being selected as the site for the Civil Law Institute, a research initiative of the Canadian Bar Association, and recognize the efforts of June Ross, the Academic Director of the Institute.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

1997 Alberta Progress Report on the National Action Program on Climate Change (NAPCC), dated November 1997

Sessional Paper 64/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Choices, Chances, and Child Care in Alberta: Results from a Provincial Survey of Daycare Parents, prepared for the Greater Edmonton Area Child and Family Resource Association by Sylvia Church, 1997-98 Chairperson, dated January 1998

Sessional Paper 65/98

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding instruction to the Legislative Assembly Office to prepare a statement that would provide detailed MLA expenses as listed in the 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, 1997

Sessional Paper 66/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Children's Advocate Child Welfare Review, entitled "In Need of Protection: Children and Youth in Alberta", excerpt pages 149 to 157 highlighting the abuse/maltreatment of children in care

Sessional Paper 67/98

Children's Advocate Annual Report 1995-96 excerpt page 16 highlighting the need to track and monitor all deaths of children that occurred while in receipt of protection services

Sessional Paper 68/98

Children's Advocate Annual Report 1996-97 excerpt pages 22 and 23 highlighting the need to track all deaths of children that occurred while in receipt of Child Welfare services

Sessional Paper 69/98

Children's Advocate Quarterly Report: Systemic Advocacy Activities, dated June 1997 excerpt page 2 highlighting Child Welfare Program issues - monitoring the deaths of children in care

Sessional Paper 70/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Kathleen Huber, Public Education Coordinator, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, commending the special efforts to recognize people who are blind and visually impaired during White Cane Week from February 1 to 7, 1998

Sessional Paper 71/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Ray Goyette, President, Canadian Council of the Blind - Alberta Division, commending the special efforts to recognize people who are blind and visually impaired during White Cane Week from February 1 to 7, 1998
Sessional Paper 72/98

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

Edmonton-Glenora Issue Summary, dated January 10, 1998, regarding public education funding
Sessional Paper 73/98

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

Letter dated January 12, 1998, from Brian Edy, Conference Chair, Dignity Foundation, to registrants of the "Catch Them Before They Fall" Conference held in Calgary, Alberta on November 28 to 29, 1997, with attached compilation of suggestions that were brought forward during conference sessions
Sessional Paper 74/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Newfoundland Chapter 18, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Code, Assented to December 11, 1997, page 1 highlighting amendments to the Code to include sexual orientation
Sessional Paper 75/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering support and encouragement to the 46 Alberta athletes joining the 152 member Team Canada at the 1998 Winter Olympics, beginning February 7, 1998, in Nagano, Japan.

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

Oral Question Period

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

Edmonton Journal article dated August 5, 1997, entitled "New stats contradict Minister: Liberals say five kids who died in Government care were abused or neglected"

Sessional Paper 76/98

Children who died in child welfare care: April 1, 1997 to January 15, 1998, from Alberta Family and Social Services Communications, highlighting case number 10 of a 17 year-old girl who died January 6, 1998, of an undetermined cause

Sessional Paper 77/98

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the shortage of hospital emergency beds in the province.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the University of Alberta Law School for being selected as the site for the Civil Law Institute, a research initiative of the Canadian Bar Association, and recognize the efforts of June Ross, the Academic Director of the Institute.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR7, MR8, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16.

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 201 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — 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: 18

Barrett	Leibovici	Paul
Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Massey	Sloan
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 43

Amery	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Havelock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Herard	Paszkowski
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Shariff
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Ducharme	Klapstein	Stevens
Dunford	Kryczka	Strang
Evans	Laing	Tannas
Fischer	Langevin	Taylor
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz		

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

Bill 202 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Sloan

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998 — 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 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang

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

Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until Thursday, February 5, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 5, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, 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 requiring an administrative licence suspension which would suspend anyone charged with impaired driving, driving with a blood alcohol content over 0.08 or refusing to provide a breath sample, for 90 days or up to the time of court appearance and disposition, whichever is the shorter period. The suspension would come into effect following a seven day temporary licensing period.

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.

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-Fourth Legislature, First Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), April 1997 - December 1997
Sessional Paper 78/98

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated February 5, 1998, entitled "Albertans urged to become 'ambassadors of kindness' during Random Acts of Kindness Week" with Random Acts of Kindness Week bookmark and postcard

Sessional Paper 79/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Peter Harris offering congratulations on his appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 80/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Alice V. Payne offering congratulations on her appointment to the Order of Canada

Sessional Paper 81/98

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

Incident Investigation Report dated September 20, 1997, regarding Nowsco Well Service Ltd. chemical release, Alberta Labour Occupational Health and Safety Investigation File 100221

Sessional Paper 82/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Terra Association information package entitled "Meeting the Challenge of Teen Pregnancy"

Sessional Paper 83/98

Gender lens: a guide to gender-inclusive policy and program development report dated November 1997, by the British Columbia Ministry of Women's Equality

Sessional Paper 84/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report
1996-97

Sessional Paper 85/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Expense claims relating to committee service allowances, temporary residence allowances, automobile allowances, and personal expense claims

Sessional Paper 86/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Nordegg Area Eco-Tourism Association (NAETA) information statement

Sessional Paper 87/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence allowances, automobile allowances, and personal expense claims

Sessional Paper 88/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Castle report attachment dated December 5, 1997, in response to the request by Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, for advice on the Castle region through the Special Places Provincial Coordinating Committee (PCC) with the committee's recommendations

Sessional Paper 89/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Statement of concern from ten large carnivore biologists to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the high rate of mortality and removal of grizzly bears and wolves from southwestern Alberta

Sessional Paper 90/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 15, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Barry Jenkins, President, Federation of Alberta Naturalists, in response to a February 1, 1993 letter regarding Special Places 2000: Alberta Natural Heritage

Sessional Paper 91/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement offering congratulations for the appointment of 63 individuals by 44 municipalities to provincial Community Lottery Boards.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's inadequate response to the Maple Leaf Foods hog processing plant's labour dispute, resulting in the loss 950 jobs and provincial financial interests.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement in commemoration of Anne Falk, a long-serving member of the Mennonite Centre Committee (MCC) who assisted numerous immigrants in her many years of work with the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (MCN).

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bonner, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 9 to February 12, 1998:

Monday, February 9	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
		And as per Order Paper

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| Tuesday, February 10 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 15
And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
And as per Order Paper |
| Wednesday, February 11 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
Following progress on Tuesday,
consultation with Opposition will
determine Wednesday evening's
business
And as per Order Paper |
| Thursday, February 12 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Government Motions
Budget Address 4:00 p.m. |

Speaker's Statement — Flag Day

The Speaker notified the Members that on Thursday, February 12, 1998, provincial and territorial flags would be installed in the Assembly on a temporary basis initially, and on a permanent basis at a later date. The installation of provincial and territorial flags was in response to the December 10, 1997, Government motion regarding the "Dialogue on Unity" initiative. As well, Members would be receiving flags on their desks in commemoration of Flag Day February 15, 1998.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

During debate, Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated February 5, 1998, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding the Minister's meeting with environmental groups

Sessional Paper 92/98

Debate continued.

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 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debated followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Monday, February 9, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 11,000 constituents requesting an investigation of transportation alternatives in order to protect the current natural state of the area under consideration for the St. Albert west by-pass alignment road.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 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, 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 grants of public money to private schools to \$0.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act in such a manner as to make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislature each year, in the Spring and the Fall.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

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

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Public service announcement dated February 9, 1998, entitled “Canadian Birkebeiner provides fun for cross-country skiers of all ages”

Sessional Paper 93/98

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

Voter Turn-out by Constituency, 1997 Provincial Election: Ranked from Highest to Lowest, from the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, November 1996 General Enumeration, and Tuesday, March 11, 1997 General Election

Sessional Paper 94/98

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

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Colleen Ring offering congratulations on her efforts to promote Random Acts of Kindness Week

Sessional Paper 95/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on May 7, 1997:

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

Sessional Paper 96/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 97/98

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1998

Response to Written Question No. WQ13 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 98/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ14 asked for by Mr. White on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 99/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ15 asked for by Mr. White on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 100/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ16 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 101/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ17 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 102/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ23 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 103/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ36 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 104/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR19 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 21, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 105/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR20 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 21, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 106/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR21 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 107/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR22 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 108/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR24 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 109/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR40 asked for by Ms Leibovici on June 11, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 110/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Departmental response to fatality inquiries: Vincent Morgan Potts, Allan James Hill, Zynab Chamseddine, Jacqueline Walker, Cynthia May Elliott, Donald Robert LeClaire, Olivia Calf Robe, and John Ross McKinnon

Sessional Paper 111/98

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

Fairness First, Fair Play, Fair Pay: The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) 21st Annual Convention Booklet, October 17 to 19, 1997

Sessional Paper 112/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ9 asked for by Mr. Dickson on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 113/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ10 asked for by Mr. Dickson on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 114/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR30 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 4, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 115/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR35 asked for by Dr. Nicol on June 11, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 116/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated December 22, 1997, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, regarding concerns in the final recommendations of the Funding Model Committee and requesting information on the reference model utilized by the Committee

Sessional Paper 117/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill
Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

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

- Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1998 — 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 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until Tuesday, February 10, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 34 constituents regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level per funded student.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 1,302 constituents requesting action to address the manure management situation to minimize water contamination and odour.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 57 Red Deer residents regarding the ending of payments of public money to private schools from revenues collected by or for the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from over 500 Red Deer residents regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level per funded student.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 110 Albertans regarding the opening of adoption records in Alberta with the inclusion of a contact veto.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 420 Albertans 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 529 Albertans requesting a rescinding of the Government decision to increase camping fees.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 11, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ3, WQ4.

Motions for Returns: MR20.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Real Estate Council of Alberta, First Annual Report July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997
Sessional Paper 118/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s38(2):

Vital Statistics, Annual Review 1996
Sessional Paper 119/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated December 18, 1997, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, following-up on the December 9, 1997 response to the initial request for a copy of the lease agreement between the Government and Maple Leaf Meats Inc. which was deemed confidential

Sessional Paper 120/98

Letter dated January 27, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding the release of Maple Leaf Foods Inc. lease documents requiring authorization by Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

Sessional Paper 121/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated November 3, 1997, from Lynn Groves Hautmann, Day Care Programs Director, Alberta Family and Social Services, to day care operators regarding the elimination of the Operating Allowance and an increase in the Child Care Subsidy Program

Sessional Paper 122/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Completing the Puzzle: Building a Recreation and Protected Areas Network for the Next Century - Implementation Guide, dated May 22, 1997, by Alberta Environmental Protection, Natural Resources Service

Sessional Paper 123/98

Oral Question Period

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

Fact sheet entitled "The Facts on Day Care Funding Changes"

Sessional Paper 124/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Copernican, the quarterly system utilized by Foothills Composite High School in which students attend two courses per day for ten weeks, a system supported by students and successful in increasing student performance.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Health Information Conference co-sponsored by Alberta Health and Health Canada supporting the principles of increased public involvement, harmonized legislation, and proper informed consent.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement offering congratulations for the outstanding efforts of Red Deer residents: Lisa Fielder (Lindsay Thurber High School Jazz Choir), Carl Dyke (Huntington Hills High School Robotics Team), Jeremy Wotherspoon (speed skating silver medalist), Tom Ganger (1998 Alberta Winter Games Organizing Committee Chairman), and Dot Egan (traffic safety and seat belt supporter).

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 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Sloan

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: 9

Barrett	Massey	Paul
Dickson	Mitchell	Sloan
MacDonald	Olsen	Soetaert

Against the motion: 45

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Boutilier	Havelock	Melchin
Broda	Herard	Oberg
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Clegg	Klapstein	Stelmach
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Day	Laing	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tannas
Ducharme	Lund	Tarchuk
Fischer	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	Trynchy
Fritz	Marz	West
Haley	McClellan	Yankowsky

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Ms Barrett on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare for Albertans cost/benefit analyses detailing cost savings as well as cost increases in the form of user fees prior to any privatization of government services or sale of Crown assets.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

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 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

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 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 125/98

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 126/98

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 127/98

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Minister of Family and Social Services) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 128/98

Amendment to Bill 11 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 129/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Wednesday, February 11, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, 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) of per pupil funding.

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 rescind its decision to increase camping fees in Alberta.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee recommending the appointment of Mr. Gerrald Gwynn Scott Sutton as Ombudsman, December 1997
Sessional Paper 130/98

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 11, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Robert Steadward and Ms Cynthia Peterson of the Rick Hansen Centre, offering congratulations on the publishing of the book Paralympics: Where Heroes Come

Sessional Paper 131/98

Letter dated February 11, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Cam Hantiuk, Safeway Select Host Committee Chair, Granite Curling Club, in appreciation for the invitation to the opening ceremonies of the 1998 Safeway Select Provincial Men's Curling Championships

Sessional Paper 132/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Letter dated February 11, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, to Mr. Brian Baker, International Mascot Corporation President, offering congratulations on winning the Export Award of Distinction and the Premier's Award of Distinction

Sessional Paper 133/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company (AOC), Annual Report 1996-97, Turning Opportunity into Enterprise

Sessional Paper 134/98

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Mr. Len Bracko to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, concerning the establishment of Community Lottery Boards with attached St. Albert City Council presentation regarding the development of the St. Albert Community Lottery Board

Sessional Paper 135/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Paper entitled "Privatization within Alberta's Recreation and Protected Areas System"

Sessional Paper 136/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Paper entitled "The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and Our Jobs," by the Council of Canadians

Sessional Paper 137/98

Paper entitled "The 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 138/98

Oral Question Period

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

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Board of Directors, Order in Council membership list

Sessional Paper 139/98

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) advertisement requesting applications for positions of Chair and Public Members (3), by Conroy Partners Limited

Sessional Paper 140/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ3. Moved by Mr. White:

What are the yearly projections for upside interest accruing to the Province of Alberta from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 1997-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and CIC Industrial Interests Inc.?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. White:

What was the rate of deficient applications for routine facility applications submitted to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 - January 27, 1998?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ5, WQ6, WQ9, WQ10, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR20. Moved by Dr. Massey:

A transcript or final draft of every speech presented by the Deputy Minister of Education or Acting Deputy Minister of Education during the period January 1, 1993 through February 1, 1998.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR7, MR8, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23.

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 Municipal Government (Environmentally Significant Areas) Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

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: 21

Amery	Dickson	Laing
Blakeman	Forsyth	Olsen
Bonner	Gibbons	O'Neill
Boutilier	Graham	Paul
Cao	Hancock	Sapers
Carlson	Havelock	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Soetaert

Against the motion: 32

Broda	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Johnson	Stelmach
Day	Klapstein	Stevens
Dunford	Langevin	Tannas
Evans	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	Trynchy
Gordon	McClellan	Yankowsky
Haley	McFarland	

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

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed

Mrs. Soetaert 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 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998 — 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 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

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 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill

Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

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 6 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 141/98

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang

Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act,
1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:51 p.m. until Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 1998

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated February 12, 1998, entitled “Alberta’s museums and interpretive centres are free on Family Day”

Sessional Paper 142/98

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

News release dated November 17, 1997, entitled “Transfusion recipients tested for hepatitis C” by Dr. Shaun Peck, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, British Columbia Ministry of Health

Sessional Paper 143/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated February 5, 1998, from Harold C. Love, Professor Emeritus, Department of Rural Economy, University of Alberta Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding health care cutbacks with attached Edmonton Journal article dated February 4, 1998, entitled “City emergency wards in crisis”

Sessional Paper 144/98

University of Calgary Gazette article, dated February 9, 1998, entitled “Board raises tuition, pledges bursary support” highlighting the approved tuition fee increase to 24 percent of the University of Calgary’s operating costs

Sessional Paper 145/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Alberta Treasury Loans and Guarantees Operations Manual, chapter “Monitoring and Financial Statement Analysis” excerpt section 5.2 (Interim Financial Statement Analysis) and section 5.3 (Annual Financial Statement Analysis), dated May 10, 1994

Sessional Paper 146/98

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

Alberta Congress Board (ACB) Experienced Older Worker Conference
 "Sustaining Our Human Capital" December 1st and 2nd, 1997, Edmonton Inn,
 Edmonton, Alberta

Sessional Paper 147/98

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

Designated Supply Sub-committee Agreement dated February 12, 1998, between
 the House Leader of the Government of Alberta and the House Leader of Her
 Majesty's Loyal Opposition and the House Leader of the Opposition New
 Democrats

Sessional Paper 148/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the
 Wetaskiwin Royal Canadian Legion production of World War II videos in which
 Austin Willis and Barry Hill interviewed fifty veterans regarding their wartime
 experiences.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement
 regarding struggles experienced by constituents in utilizing health care services to
 receive medical treatment.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Flag
 Day, February 15, 1998, in commemoration of the national flag's 33rd anniversary, and
 the recent addition of provincial and territorial flags to the Legislative Assembly, the
 first to do so in Canada.

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 February 17 to February 19, 1998:

Tuesday, February 17 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Government Motion 16

Leader of the Official Opposition,
 response to the Budget Address

**Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne**

Standing Order 19(1)(c)
5:15 p.m. Question put (Day 10)

Government Motion 17

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Government Motion 16

Leader of the Official Opposition,
response to the Budget Address

Committee of Supply

Supplementary Supply Day 1 of 2

Advanced Education and Career
Development, Education,
Family and Social Services,
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal
Affairs, Provincial Treasurer

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, February 18

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Supplementary Supply Day 2 of 2

Community Development, Health,
Municipal Affairs, Public Works,
Supply and Services,
Transportation and Utilities

Revert to Introduction of Bills

Bill 16, Appropriation
(Supplementary Supply) Act,
1998

And as per Order Paper

10. 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.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

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 1998-99 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. 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 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. 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.

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message 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 '98, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13; the Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act, cB-0.5, s7; and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2):

Quarterly Budget Report 1997-98, Third Quarter Update, release date February 12, 1998

Sessional Paper 149/98

Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity

Sessional Paper 150/98

Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity: Budget Speech

Sessional Paper 151/98

Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity: News Release, dated February 12, 1998

Sessional Paper 152/98

Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity: Ministry Highlights News Release, dated February 12, 1998

Sessional Paper 153/98

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1998-99

Sessional Paper 154/98

Supplementary Estimates, 1997-98, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 155/98

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1998-99

Sessional Paper 156/98

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Third Quarter Investment Report 1997-98, Quarter ended December 31, 1997, dated February 1998

Sessional Paper 157/98

16. 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, and pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(a), the Assembly adjourned at 4:38 p.m. until Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 977 constituents requesting funding for a new Catholic school facility in Okotoks.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 18, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ6.

Motions for Returns: MR7, MR11.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Supply and Demand Update on Affordable Housing for Low Income and Special Needs Households, report by the Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing, dated December 11, 1997

Sessional Paper 158/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Title pages of three Goepel Shields and Partners Inc. reports: Project Al-Pac, Preliminary Report, Alberta Treasury Department, dated July 30, 1997; Project Al-Pac, Report to the Alberta Treasury Department, dated August 18, 1997; and Project Al-Pac, Report to the Alberta Treasury Department, dated August 25, 1997

Sessional Paper 159/98

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

32 letters dated November 18, 1997, from the School Council of M.E. Lazerte High School received from parents opposed to any increase in funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 160/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations:

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 161/98

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association: Report of Proceedings of the Eighty-eighth Annual General Meeting, April 18 and 19, 1997, Crowne Plaza (Chateau Lacombe), Edmonton, Alberta

Sessional Paper 162/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Tom Reed offering congratulations on winning the 1998 Safeway Select Men's Provincial Curling Championships and offering best wishes at the 1998 Labatt Brier in Winnipeg

Sessional Paper 163/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated August 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Jim A. Shepherd, President and Chief Operating Officer, Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., regarding the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project loan purchase criteria

Sessional Paper 164/98

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 1998 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction in Calgary and offering congratulations to the award winners: International Mascot Corporation (Premier's Award), Brilyn and Associates (Business Service Award of Distinction), Farlie Worldwide Travel (Marketing Award of Distinction), and Pro-Western Plastics Ltd. (Manufacturing Award of Distinction).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement expressing appreciation for the opportunity for Opposition Members to have access to the Budget '98 lockup and debriefing, and suggesting the creation of a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to diminish the volatility of revenue projections based on oil and natural gas prices.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding a Saturday, February 14, 1998 meeting with a youth group discussing Government programs and policies, including the Employment Standards Review, and the need for Government to improve understanding of labour legislation by youth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to comply with his March, 1997 election promise that the Government would provide for the election of 2/3 of the members of the Regional Health Authorities by Albertans commencing with the municipal elections in 1998.

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: 12

Barrett	Gibbons	Olsen
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Soetaert
Dickson	Mitchell	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 45

Amery	Herard	Oberg
Boutilier	Hlady	Paszkowski
Broda	Jacques	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Calahasen	Klapstein	Shariff
Cao	Kryczka	Smith
Cardinal	Laing	Stelmach
Coutts	Langevin	Stevens
Ducharme	Lougheed	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Tannas
Fischer	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	McClellan	Trynchy
Friedel	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Woloshyn
Havelock	O'Neill	Yankowsky

Government Motions

16. 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.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), with Mr. Mitchell 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. Coutts and seconded by Mr. Cao:

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

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:29 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, FEBRUARY 17, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of debate on the motion proposing the establishment of four 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: 37

Boutilier	Haley	Melchin
Burgener	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Oberg
Cao	Herard	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jacques	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Renner
Day	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Langevin	Strang
Evans	Lund	Thurber
Forsyth	Magnus	West
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Pannu	

And after some further 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 of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund (Advanced Education and Career Development, Education, Family and Social Services, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Treasury) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a certain resolution proposing to establish four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports progress thereon. I am tabling a copy of this resolution for the official records of the Assembly

Sessional Paper 165/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table a copy of a resolution agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply, amending the proposed membership of one of the subcommittees of the Committee of Supply, for the official records of the Assembly:

On Subcommittee C, that Dr. Nicol be removed and replaced with Mr. Zwozdesky

Sessional Paper 166/98

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

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	McClellan
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Graham	Olsen
Blakeman	Hancock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Sloan
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Klapstein	Stevens
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	Marz	Strang
Barrett	MacDonald	Thurber
Cao	McFarland	Trynchy
Clegg	Smith	Woloshyn
Evans	Soetaert	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Stelmach	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Herard	Sapers
Amery	Langevin	Shariff
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Pannu	White
Carlson	Paul	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, 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
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs
Transportation and Utilities

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Labour
Public Works, Supply and Services

Subcommittee D

Economic Development
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, excluding Thursdays designated by the Official Opposition, 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)	Ducharme	Pannu
Amery	Gibbons	Strang
Carlson	Langevin	Thurber
Coutts	Magnus	White

Family and Social Services

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

Health

Forsyth (Chair)	Doerksen	Pham
Barrett	Fritz	Sapers
Broda	Herard	Sloan
Dickson	Jacques	Tarchuk

Justice and Attorney General

Haley (Chair)	Graham	Olsen
Burgener	Hierath	O'Neill
Dickson	Hlady	Pannu
Friedel	Massey	Stevens

Municipal Affairs

Fischer (Chair)	Klapstein	Paul
Barrett	MacDonald	Renner
Clegg	Marz	Severtson
Gibbons	McFarland	Yankowsky

Sessional Paper 167/98

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 10:25 p.m. until Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998

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

Notices of Motions

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 February 22 to March 1, 1998 is Freedom to Read Week.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated February 18, 1998, entitled "Albertans encouraged to visit libraries during Freedom to Read Week"

Sessional Paper 168/98

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

Primary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1998/99 to 2000/01, by Alberta Transportation and Utilities

Sessional Paper 169/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Budget '98 Alberta Environmental Protection Ministry Business Plan section, excerpt page 237 highlighting parks visitation

Sessional Paper 170/98

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

Alberta Treasury Branches memorandum dated May 30, 1990, from D.A. Goebel, Assistant Superintendent, Edmonton General Office, to the Chairman, Executive Credit Committee, Head Office, regarding Gainers Inc. Term Paper dated May 30, 1990

Sessional Paper 171/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Budget '98 federal-provincial fiscal issues section, excerpt page 391 highlighting Alberta's position on fiscal arrangements: "A tax transfer is the best solution to the fiscal imbalance" and "No new federal programs in areas of provincial responsibility"

Sessional Paper 172/98

Embracing Spirituality, Embracing Sexuality: Exploring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Realities in a Faith Context Conference, March 20 to 22, 1998, Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, program and registration form highlighting the session entitled "Where's the Sin?" by Professor Sterling Bjorndahl

Sessional Paper 173/98

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

Letter undated from Donato Colangelo and Joseph Spano to the Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the loss of over 1,000 jobs, including their own, with the closure of the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 174/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated August 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Jim A. Shepherd, President and Chief Operating Officer, Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., regarding the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project loan purchase criteria

Sessional Paper 175/98

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 this Assembly recognize that February 22 to March 1, 1998 is Freedom to Read Week.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Carlson:

Between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1997, how many complaints were received about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many inspections were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

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

Between *April 1, 1995* and December 31, 1997, how many *public complaints were received by Pollution Control Division* about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many *investigations* were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

WQ2. Moved by Mr. White:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993, for forest management and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

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

How many *staff, including permanent and wage, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection, Land and Forest Service*, on January 1, 1993, and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

What is the breakdown of the \$10 million expended under Vote 3.3.1 Assistance to Alberta Social Housing Corporation by individual borrowers, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 2, page 94?

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$10 million expended under Vote 3.3.1 Assistance to Alberta Social Housing Corporation as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 2, page 94?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ9, WQ10, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR7. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of any surveys conducted by or for the Government between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, to assess the public's reaction to the environment and government environmental policies, showing the questions asked, the manner in which the survey was conducted and the results.

MR11. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Copies of all studies done by the Government on the effect of increased tuition fees on access to post-secondary education for Alberta students.

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, tabled Response to Motion for Returns No. MR11

Sessional Paper 176/98

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 18, 1998, from Rick LeLacheur, Chairman, Workers' Compensation Board, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, detailing the Board of Directors' opposition to specific amendments in Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 177/98

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Catherine H. Yankimec, WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Administrator, Syncrude, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 178/98

Letter dated February 6, 1998, from Barrie F. McPhalen, President, Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 179/98

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Lloyd E. Harman, President, Industry Task Force on Alberta Workers' Compensation (ITF), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which removes motor vehicle accidents from the Workers' Compensation Act, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee

Sessional Paper 180/98

Letter dated February 6, 1998, from Peter L. Miller, Counsel, Imperial Oil Limited, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, and Mr. Dieter Brunsch, Vice-President, Workers' Compensation Board, with attached letter from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which permits employees to recover damages from motor vehicle insurers, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee

Sessional Paper 181/98

Letter dated February 13, 1998, from Audrey M. Cormack, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, and Gerrie Dakers, Chair, Trade Union WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Coalition, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 182/98

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in support of the ongoing review at the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 183/98

Letter dated February 13, 1998, from David J. Manning, President, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which removes motor vehicle accidents from the Workers' Compensation Act, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee

Sessional Paper 184/98

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 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

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

Bill 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman 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, FEBRUARY 18, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

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

19. 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, the motion was agreed to.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m. with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the question was immediately put on the motion, as amended, proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply. The motion as amended was agreed to.

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

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	McClellan
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Graham	Olsen
Blakeman	Hancock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Sloan
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	Klapstein	Stevens
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	Marz	Strang
Barrett	MacDonald	Thurber
Cao	McFarland	Trynchy
Clegg	Smith	Woloshyn
Evans	Soetaert	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Stelmach	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Herard	Sapers
Amery	Langevin	Shariff
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Pannu	White
Carlson	Paul	

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, 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
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs
Transportation and Utilities

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Labour
Public Works, Supply and Services

Subcommittee D

Economic Development
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, excluding Thursdays designated by the Official Opposition, 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.

And after some 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 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, for the Ministry and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$350,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
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Advanced Education and Career Development

\$35,900,000	Operating Expense
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Community Development

\$555,000	Transferred to the Capital Investment from the Operating Expense
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Education

\$118,992,000	Operating Expense
\$70,500,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Family and Social Services

\$625,000	Transferred to the Capital Investment from the Operating Expense
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Health

\$100,981,000	Operating Expense
\$3,500,000	Transferred to the Operating Expense from the Capital Investment

Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

\$10,000,000	Operating Expense
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Municipal Affairs

\$2,200,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements
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Public Works, Supply and Services

\$6,600,000	Operating Expense
\$2,500,000	Capital Investment

Transportation and Utilities

\$134,762,000	Operating Expense
\$1,000,000	Capital Investment

Treasury

\$102,322,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements
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Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

Sessional Paper 185/98

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

Sessional Paper 186/98

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 the Administrator on behalf of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:06 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19, 1998

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Fiscal Issues Research: Final Report dated October 1997, excerpt pages detailing results of 500 telephone interviews conducted October 15 to 19, 1997
Sessional Paper 187/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 19, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Tom Ganger, Chairman of the Board of Directors, 1998 Alberta Winter Games, offering best wishes to all the athletes participating in the 1998 Alberta Winter Games taking place in Red Deer, February 19 to 22, 1998

Sessional Paper 188/98

Information bulletin dated February 19, 1998, entitled "Call for Sport Volunteer Recognition Award nominations" by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 189/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Communiqué press release dated February 18, 1998, entitled "Provinces/territories committed to providing financial assistance package" by Saskatchewan Health Minister Clay Serby, on behalf of provincial and territorial Health Ministers, regarding an assistance program for Canadians infected with hepatitis C through the blood system

Sessional Paper 190/98

Letter dated February 19, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, responding to her concerns raised February 18, 1998, regarding activities of the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility in Calgary

Sessional Paper 191/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Commission, Thirty-third Annual Report April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 192/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Red Deer's hosting of the 1998 Alberta Winter Games and offering congratulations to the 2,800 coaches and athletes in attendance, and recognizing the efforts of the community volunteers involved with Mr. Tom Ganger, Chairman, with other organizing committee members.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the lack of attention to Alberta Growth Summit recommendations in Budget '98, and in particular the lack of financial support due to grant program decreases for the infrastructure improvement needs of municipalities.

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement in recognition of the 4H program which fosters success of participants and alumni members, recognizing the corporate support offered from over 70 sponsors and in particular Lammle's Western Wear.

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 February 23 to February 26, 1998:

Monday, February 23

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Government Motions

Government Motion 16

Government Motion 18

Third Reading

Bill 1 (refer back to Committee of the Whole)

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1 (claw-back amendment, report back to Third Reading)

Bill 16

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Days 2 and 3

Meet in Assembly first, then break-up into:

Subcommittees

(C) Labour (Assembly)

(D) Energy (Room 512, Legislature Building)

Committee of the Whole

Bill 16

And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, February 24 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
 Bills 1, 4, 6, 8, 9
Second Reading
 Bill 3
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 4 and 5
 Meet in Assembly first,
 then break-up into:
Subcommittees
 (A) Provincial Treasurer
 (Assembly)
 (B) Community Development
 (Room 512, Legislature Building)
Third Reading
 Bill 16
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, February 25 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 6 and 7
 Meet in Assembly first,
 then break-up into:
Subcommittees
 (D) Science, Research and
 Information Technology
 (Assembly)
 (C) Public Works, Supply and
 Services (Room 512, Legislature
 Building)
 And as per Order Paper

Thursday, February 26

Aft. - **Royal Assent**

Bills 7, 10, 11, 16

And as per Order Paper

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 8

Provincial Treasurer (Designated)

And as per Order Paper

Point of Order

During debate on a point of order Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, tabled the following:

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates 1998-99, Transportation and Utilities Program 2: Construction and Operation of Transportation Systems section, excerpt page 358 highlighting rural municipal transportation partnerships and urban transportation partnerships

Sessional Paper 193/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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 resumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Executive Council, 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**

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

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — 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 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Dunford, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, February 23, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

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

- of Tanya Marie Bryant for the Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act;
- of David Luckwell and H.L. Burke Enterprises Ltd. for the Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998;
- of Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998; and
- of Donald A. Wheaton and Donald H. Wheaton for the Millennium Insurance Corporation Act.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 208 Calgary residents regarding the historical site designation for Calgary's Crown Building, Neilson Block, Doll Block, Grand Saddlery Building, and the building next to the Imperial Bank Building.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Responses to questions raised on February 11, 1998, Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 6, Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act
Sessional Paper 194/98

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report undated, entitled "Serving their communities and the region: St. Albert Transit and Strathcona Transit"
Sessional Paper 195/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

14 letters dated February 17, 1998, offering congratulations to the eleven Alberta-based medalist winning athletes and their three coaches of the Nagano Winter Olympic Games, February 6 to 22, 1998

Sessional Paper 196/98

3 letters dated February 23, 1998, offering congratulations regarding Red Deer's hosting of the 1998 Alberta Winter Games, February 19 to 22, 1998, to: Mr. Tom Ganger, Chairman, 1998 Alberta Winter Games Host Society; Reeve Morris Lewis, County of Red Deer; and Mayor Gail Surkan, City of Red Deer

Sessional Paper 197/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Resolutions endorsed by the Women of Unifarm, dated June 5-6, 1997, regarding health care, transportation and utilities, submitted by Florence Trautman, President, Women of Unifarm, February 20, 1998

Sessional Paper 198/98

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

Copies of overhead transparencies from Mr. Paul Rushforth's presentation on February 5, 1998, to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce regarding the funding and services provided by the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA)

Sessional Paper 199/98

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Judy Tilston, Chair, Calgary Board of Education, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, seeking clarification of a February 3, 1998 statement regarding the equitability of the funding framework for education among school jurisdictions

Sessional Paper 200/98

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

Legislative Assembly Office, Ninth Annual Report for the calendar year ended December 31, 1997, including the First Annual Report of the Alberta Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Sessional Paper 201/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering congratulations to the athletes competing in the 1998 Alberta Winter Games in Red Deer, February 19 to 22, 1998, as well as Mr. Tom Ganger of the 1998 Alberta Winter Games Host Society and the many community volunteers involved.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also offered congratulations to the participants and volunteers involved and to the host city of Red Deer.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering congratulations to the athletes competing in the 18th Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, February 6 to 22, 1998, and in particular the Alberta-based athletes who won eight of the fifteen medals awarded to Canadians.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also offered congratulations to the athletes, teams, and volunteers involved.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Cabinet Committee on Climate Change: Terms of Reference, dated February 18, 1998, excerpt page 1 entitled "C4 - Cabinet Committee on Climate Change: Post-Kyoto" detailing the membership, mandate and terms of reference

Sessional Paper 202/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

16. 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. Yankowsky moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly confirm the appointment of Gerrald Gwynn Scott Sutton as Ombudsman, by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, effective April 1, 1998, for a term of five years, as recommended in the report of the Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 1, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act, be not now read a Third time but be recommitted to Committee of the Whole to enable the Committee to consider further amendments to section 3 of the Bill.

The question being put, the amendment 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 with some amendments:

Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled a copy 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. Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Family and Social Services) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 203/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1998 — 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 Energy (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

New Alberta Oil Sands Developments 1996 - 2007

Sessional Paper 204/98

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

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

Alberta Labour organization chart, dated February 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 205/98

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 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Tuesday, February 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 1,008 Calgary residents in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 242 Edmonton residents in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 160 Albertans in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 11 Albertans in opposition to the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

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, February 23, 1998, and can advise the House that all of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

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, February 25, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ5, WQ9, WQ10.
Motions for Returns: MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 206/98
Lakeland Regional Health Authority #12, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 207/98
Mistahia Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 208/98
Peace Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 209/98
Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 210/98
Northern Lights Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 211/98
Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 212/98
Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97	Sessional Paper 213/98

- Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 214/98
- David Thompson Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 215/98
- East Central Regional Health Authority #7, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 216/98
- Calgary Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 217/98
- Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 218/98
- Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 219/98
- Chinook Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 220/98
- Regional Health Authority #5, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 221/98

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

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Sergio Marchi, Minister of International Trade, Department of Foreign Affairs, expressing concern regarding the impact on health care of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and requesting public Parliamentary Committee hearings

Sessional Paper 222/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Margaret Flynn, Artistic Director, Edmonton School of Ballet, offering congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the Edmonton School of Ballet

Sessional Paper 223/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated February 10, 1998, from Laurie Prefontaine, Sturgeon Foundation Board Chair, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting membership inclusion of the Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) in the Long Term Care Review Committee

Sessional Paper 224/98

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

Article undated, entitled "An empty promise: Trustees analyse education announcement," by the Office of the Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education

Sessional Paper 225/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated February 12, 1998, from F.B. Henry, Bishop-Elect of Calgary, Diocese of Thunder Bay, to Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Miotti in opposition to contracting out initiatives which are considered to offend Catholic social principles

Sessional Paper 226/98

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta, Faculty of Arts corporate funding program with the Bank of Nova Scotia offering \$1 million for annual bursaries and scholarships for liberal arts post-secondary students.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Government policy regarding capping of post-secondary tuition fees at 30%, and the impact of a growing debt burden placed on post-secondary students.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing International Thinking Day, February 22, 1998, celebrated by the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Organization in recognition of friendship, peace, mutual understanding, and their founding members Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Olive Baden-Powell.

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 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Broda:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider refraining from granting liquor licenses to major grocery chains seeking to open liquor stores in communities with a population of 10,000 or less when the review of privatized retailing in the liquor industry takes place.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill

Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 4 and 5 — 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.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s13:

Treasury Ministry Business Plan 1998-2001

Sessional Paper 227/98

1998-99 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, Errata page 406, Gainers Inc. Income Statement, revised February 24, 1998

Sessional Paper 228/98

Responses to questions raised on February 17, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1997-98 Supplementary Estimates Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 229/98

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.

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 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday, February 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

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 reported in the Assembly on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Monday, February 23, 1998, now be deemed to be read and received:

- of Tanya Marie Bryant for the Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act;
- of David Luckwell and H.L. Burke Enterprises Ltd. for the Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998;
- of Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998; and
- of Donald A. Wheaton and Donald H. Wheaton for the Millennium Insurance Corporation Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to questions raised on February 18, 1998, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1997-98 Supplementary Estimates Committee of Supply debate regarding the total portfolio losses and list of assets disposed of by the Alberta Social Housing Corporation, for the ten months ended January 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 230/98

Response to questions raised on February 18, 1998, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1997-98 Supplementary Estimates Committee of Supply debate regarding the Alberta Social Housing Corporation (Predecessors) cost review 1979 to 1998, dated February 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 231/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1996-97, entitled "Building Partnerships"

Sessional Paper 232/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Foundations Act, cH-4.5, s13:

Capital Health (Crown) Foundation, Financial Statement March 31, 1997, by the Auditor General, dated October 1, 1997

Sessional Paper 233/98

Calgary Health (Crown) Foundation, Financial Statement March 31, 1997, by the Auditor General, dated May 14, 1997

Sessional Paper 234/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated August 11, 1997, from David Richter, Chairperson, Education Committee, County of Red Deer Rate Payers (CRDRP) Association, to Mrs. Densichuk, Board of Education, Chinook's Edge Regional Division #5, requesting information and inclusion in the September 1997 Board meeting

Sessional Paper 235/98

Letter dated August 22, 1997, from Mrs. Denischuk, Chairman of the Board, Chinook's Edge Regional Division #5, to Mr. David Richter, Chairperson, Education Committee, County of Red Deer Rate Payers (CRDRP) Association, with attachments in response to his request for information and issuing regrets for items missing due to Section 59(1) and (3) of the School Act

Sessional Paper 236/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.7 million provision for loss for the estimated costs of lease obligations in excess of estimated sublease revenues by specific property held by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, notes 13 and 14, pages 191-192?

WQ9. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

How does the Government explain the fact that the Heritage Trust Fund's Annual Report for 1996-97 indicates an overall rate of return of 8.5% for the Fund's investments when the Public Accounts for the same year (schedule 6, page 37) states the average "effective yield" is 3.63% for securities maturing within a year and 5.52% for securities maturing in 1 to 35 years on the bulk of our financial assets?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ10. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the main reason or reasons why Alberta Treasury Branch guarantees increased \$351 million, that is from \$125 million to \$476 million, in the 1994-95 fiscal year (see Contingent Liabilities, note 14, page 22, Alberta Treasury Branch's Annual Report) and what provisions for losses have been made or will be made in the future on this contingent liability?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR8. Moved by Ms Carlson:

Copies of all documents written by or for the Government and all internal memos between January 1, 1993 and January 27, 1998, concerning the need for Alberta to reduce the emission of gases that contribute to global climate change, how reductions can best be achieved and how any programs will be implemented.

MR12. Moved by Ms Barrett:

The Lease Amendment Agreement signed during 1996 between the Government and Maple Leaf Foods Inc. at the time the Government's lease agreement with Burns Foods Ltd. was transferred to Maple Leaf.

MR13. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Copies of all correspondence and memoranda between the Government and Maple Leaf Foods Inc. between January 1, 1997 and January 27, 1998.

MR14. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Copies of all documents prepared by the Government pertaining to the closure of Maple Leaf Foods Inc. Edmonton plant between April 1, 1997 and January 27, 1998.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR38, MR39, MR43, MR44.

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 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff

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 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, 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, FEBRUARY 25, 1998 — 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 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 Science, Research and Information Technology (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also 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 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, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, February 26, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26, 1998

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of the deaths of two former senior public service employees who passed away this week: Mr. A.F. “Chip” Collins, former Deputy Provincial Treasurer; and Mr. Helmut Entrup, Alberta’s first Farmers’ Advocate.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the genuine emergency created by the cancellation of surgeries in the Capital Health Region due to a shortage of hospital resources.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta Forest Legacy: Implementation Framework of Sustainable Forest Management, by Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 237/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the gross operating expense, voted departmental summary

Sessional Paper 238/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the comparison of guarantees and indemnities from 1992-93 to 1997-98, and the comparison of loans and advances from 1992-93 to 1997-98

Sessional Paper 239/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the status on electronic filing of Alberta corporate tax returns

Sessional Paper 240/98

Response to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate regarding the Athabasca Oil Sands (AOS) Trust's obligations concerning Syncrude project clean up costs

Sessional Paper 241/98

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

Fact sheet dated October 1997, entitled "Shut the Door on Private, For-Profit Health Care," by S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 242/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Statutory Declaration form in the matter of the official rated bed capacity schedule, approved changes in hospital rated bed capacity, and the number of beds set up and in service (for utilization by nursing homes to become an auxiliary hospital)

Sessional Paper 243/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the passing of W.O. Mitchell (Order of Canada recipient) on Wednesday, February 25, 1998, who captured the Canadian western spirit in his numerous writings and made further literary contributions via his teaching positions.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also conveyed sympathies in commemoration.

Oral Question Period

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

Memorandum dated January 3, 1997, from Peter McNeil, Alberta Treasury, to Mike Neuman regarding the decision not to accrue interest income related to three AI-Pac debentures for 1996-97

Sessional Paper 244/98

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:

- 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act
- 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998
- 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act
- 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998
- 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998
- 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998
- 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998
- 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998
- 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998

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.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding a Calgary celebration February 20, 1998, in recognition of the contribution by the joint federal, provincial, and municipal government infrastructure program which is utilized for several improvements in Calgary's infrastructure.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement as a domestic violence survivor and expressing desire for all-party support for domestic violence legislation to: educate members of the public, install preventative measures, create support programs, and assistance services.

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement in support for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program in which police officers educate children Canada-wide regarding positive alternatives to drug abuse.

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 March 2 to March 5, 1998:

- Monday, March 2
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bills 3, 17, 18, 20
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 8 and 9
 Meet in Assembly first,
 then break-up into:
Subcommittees
 (A) Education (Assembly)
 (B) Intergovernmental and
 Aboriginal Affairs (Room 512,
 Legislature Building)
 And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, March 3
- (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bills 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 10 and 11
 Meet in Assembly first,
 then break-up into:
Subcommittees
 (C) Agriculture, Food and Rural
 Development (Assembly)
 (D) Economic Development
 (Room 512, Legislature Building)
 And as per Order Paper

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 2, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, presented a petition from 5,053 Albertans in opposition to the withdrawal of public funding for private schools, and requesting the reassignment of the instructional stipend of \$3,700 to the independent school of the parent's choice.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 5,573 Albertans in opposition to the recent increases in campground fees and the introduction of random camping restrictions.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 17 SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) post-secondary business students in opposition to the recent increases in campground fees and the introduction of random camping restrictions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 22 Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

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

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 22 Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Greg Eberhart, Registrar, Alberta Pharmaceutical Association, in recognition of Pharmacy Awareness Week, February 2 to 8, 1998

Sessional Paper 245/98

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

Letter dated February 28, 1998, from Dale Stewart to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding postponement of medical treatment required

Sessional Paper 246/98

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Cathy Borst and her Ottewell Curling Club team, offering congratulations on their victory at the Scott Tournament of Hearts, and offering best wishes for success at the World Championships to be held in Kamloops, April 1998

Sessional Paper 247/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Gao Min, Edmonton Kinsmen Diving Club, offering congratulations on her upcoming induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame

Sessional Paper 248/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dale Phillips and Selwyn Jacob, Blackspring Pictures, offering congratulations on winning the Canada Award at the Gemini Awards Gala, March 1, 1998, for the film "The Road Taken"

Sessional Paper 249/98

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

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Mr. Selwyn Jacob offering congratulations on winning the Canada Award at the Gemini Awards Gala, March 1, 1998, for the film "The Road Taken"

Sessional Paper 250/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Mr. Broodhagen, National Black Coalition of Canada-Alberta Chapter, offering congratulations on a successful Black History Month celebration and Awards of Excellence presentation

Sessional Paper 251/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated September 31, 1997, from De Jessiman, Chairman, Agricultural Service Board, County of Stettler No. 6, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulty with illegal drainage projects and the lack of response received from Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 252/98

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

Memorandum dated February 25, 1998, from Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Sessional Paper 253/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) currently under negotiation and the implications for Alberta to be reflected in the Canadian position.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Neil Wilkinson, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, thanking the Government on behalf of the Board for addressing the Capital Health Authority's inherited deficit in the 1998-99 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 254/98

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

Information sheet dated February 18, 1998, from Pauline Shipp, Central Administration Office, Department of Family and Social Services, to Income and Employment Programs Delivery Staff regarding the National Child Benefit (NCB) (Part 1) changes and highlighting the effect on the Supports for Independence Program (SFI) rates effective August 1, 1998

Sessional Paper 255/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, pursuant to Section 91 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, consisting of the following Members, namely:
 - Mr. Friedel, Chairman
 - Ms Barrett
 - Mr. Cardinal
 - Mr. Dickson
 - Mr. Ducharme
 - Ms Paul
 - Mr. Stevens
 - Mrs. Tarchuk
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 expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may undertake limited travel within Alberta to consult with interested Albertans.
5. 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.

6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. 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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows:

- 1(1) Standing Order 8(2)(c) is struck out and the following is substituted:
 - (c) at 4:30 p.m.:
Government Motions
Government Bills and Orders, or
Private Bills
- (2) Standing Order 37 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1)
 - (i) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”,
 - (ii) by striking out “one in the Legislature Library” and substituting “two in the Legislature Library”, and
 - (iii) by adding “, one to the Official Opposition and one to Hansard” after “Legislature Library”;
 - (b) in suborder (3) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”.
- (3) The following is added after Standing Order 39:
 - 39.1(1) A member who has a motion other than a Government Motion on the Order Paper may, subject to the Speaker’s approval, amend the motion before it is moved in the Assembly.
 - (2) Notice of the amended motion must appear on the Order Paper not less than 4 sitting days before the motion is moved.

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- (4) The following is added after Standing Order 83:
- 83.1(1) No petition may be read and received if it does not contain a notice on each page that the name and address of every person who signs the petition may be made available to the public as the petition will be a document of the Assembly.
- (2) Only petitions that are read and received may be made available to the public or to members.
- (3) This Standing Order applies to petitions presented in the Assembly commencing in 1999.

And be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments to the Standing Orders not be effective past the dissolution of the 24th Legislature:

- 2(1) Standing Order 7 is amended
- (a) in suborder (1) by adding "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" after "Ministerial Statements";
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (5):
- (6) When Recognitions are called on Mondays and Wednesdays, up to seven members other than members of Executive Council may make a one minute statement of congratulations or recognition which is not debatable.
- (2) The following is added after Standing Order 37:
- 37.1(1) Documents required by statute to be laid before the Assembly, may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 10:30 a.m. on any day the Assembly sits.
- (2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) which is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when "Tabling Returns and Reports" is called in the daily routine.
- (3) The amendments in this section shall be repealed one week after the date the Speaker receives written notice to this effect from
- (a) the Government House Leader,
- (b) the Official Opposition House Leader, or
- (c) the House Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.
- 3 The amendments to the Standing Orders in sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on Monday, March 2, 1998.

A debate followed.

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 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act,
1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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 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 Intergovernmental and Aboriginal 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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, ask the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reassign the instructional stipend of \$3,700 to the independent school of the parent's choice.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 4, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ25.

Motions for Returns: MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 1996-97
Sessional Paper 256/98

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

Over 400 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 257/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Pat Binns, Premier of Prince Edward Island, to Roy Romanow, Chair, Premiers' Conference and Premier of Saskatchewan, expressing concern for the failure of the federal budget to address the unanimous request of Provincial and Territorial leaders that health care be the top priority for increased federal funding

Sessional Paper 258/98

Members' Statements

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the fifth annual Family and Community Pride event held at Lester B. Pearson High School, March 1, 1998, in which over 500 northeast Calgary residents celebrated their community cooperation efforts and received awards for submissions.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement in support for a review of student achievement testing in classrooms which has caused teaching practices to be altered to achieve higher test results.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the Victims' Services Program in St. Albert and the efforts of the nine-member Board and the 22 Advocates working in conjunction with police and fire fighters to provide aid to victims.

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 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled a copy of the resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole, which read as follows:

Be it resolved that when Committee of the Whole rises and reports, it recommends deferring consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, until April 1, 1998, or until the first day for consideration of Private Members' business after that date.

Sessional Paper 259/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled a copy of a Chairman's ruling given this day in Committee of the Whole for the official records of the Assembly:

Chairman's ruling regarding a motion to postpone consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 260/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to act upon the recommendation included in the report of the Lotteries Review Committee, New Directions for Lotteries and Gaming, whereby changes should be made to the VLT (video lottery terminal) computer chip to slow down the speed of games, and to alter other properties of VLTs (video lottery terminals), in order to provide consumers with more accurate accounting information and better entertainment value.

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Robert E. Hunter, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Nevada Psychological Associates, Inc., to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motion Other Than Government Motions 505 recommending changes in the programming of VLTs (video lottery terminals)

Sessional Paper 261/98

Memorandum dated January 30, 1998, from Leonard Blumenthal, Chief Executive Officer, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for the recommendation of the Lottery Review Committee to slow down the speed of play of VLTs (video lottery terminals) and requesting a thorough review of scientific and research data

Sessional Paper 262/98

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Harold J. Wynne, Ph.D., Partner, Wynne Resources, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motion Other Than Government Motions 505 including the slowing down of the speed of play of VLTs (video lottery terminals), to change the VLT (video lottery terminal) display from credit to dollars, and to increase the winnings paid out to VLT (video lottery terminal) players

Sessional Paper 263/98

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Garry J. Smith, Ph.D., Government Studies, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motion Other Than Government Motions 505 recommending alterations to VLT (video lottery terminal) properties

Sessional Paper 264/98

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

506. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Capital Gains Tax.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

Mrs. Soetaert 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 5:18 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998 — 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 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 Economic Development (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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, presented a petition from approximately 2,500 Rocky Mountain House and area residents in support for additional extended care facilities in Rocky Mountain House.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 265/98

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

167 letters from Rocky Mountain House and area residents in support for additional extended care facilities in Rocky Mountain House
Sessional Paper 266/98

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

University of Calgary Students' Union poster, entitled "Is the cost of education holding your future hostage?"
Sessional Paper 267/98

7 letters dated October 29, 1997 to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, in opposition to increased funding for private schools
Sessional Paper 268/98

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s19(4):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 269/98

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

Statement of Loss to the Province from its Involvement with Gainers Inc., dated March 14, 1994, by the Office of the Auditor General
Sessional Paper 270/98

Auditor General of Alberta 1994-95 Report, section 2, excerpt pages 9 to 47, entitled "Swan Hills Special Waste Treatment Facility: Audit Coverage, Observations and Recommendations"
Sessional Paper 271/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

58 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in support for protection of the Kananaskis and Spray River Valleys as a Wildland Provincial Park
Sessional Paper 272/98

57 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in support for protection of the Castle Wilderness area as a Wildland Provincial Park
Sessional Paper 273/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Communiqué press release dated March 3, 1998, entitled "Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for seniors plan for challenges of an aging society"
Sessional Paper 274/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 19, 1997, from Charmaine Blazy to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in opposition to increased funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 275/98

Letter dated November 19, 1997, from Lucille Dubé to Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, in opposition to increased funding for private schools and expressing support for publicly funded education

Sessional Paper 276/98

Letter dated May 16, 1997, from Robert Keith, B.Ed. and M.A., to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, in opposition to the Minister of Education's assessment of education funding as "appropriate"

Sessional Paper 277/98

Letter dated September 26, 1997, from 12 staff members of Saint Vincent School in opposition to increased funding for private schools and expressing support for public Catholic education

Sessional Paper 278/98

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

27 postcards issued by Wei Wong, Chairman, Londonderry School Council, signed by 19 Edmonton residents indicating opposition to increased funding for private school funding, and 9 Edmonton residents indicating support for the elimination of private school funding

Sessional Paper 279/98

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

Letter undated, from Karen Craik, Chairperson, Labour Coalition on Workers' Compensation, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, expressing concerns regarding Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, and requesting a postponement until the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) and their stakeholders have completed their benefits policy consultation process

Sessional Paper 280/98

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

Letter dated June 15, 1997, from Jim Sylvester to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing support and requesting increased funding for public education

Sessional Paper 281/98

Letter dated June 19, 1997, from Wanda L. Soder-Munholland, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing support for the combining of school divisions, and expressing concern regarding the Equalization Program with funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 282/98

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

Letter dated October 29, 1997, from Lowell Leffler to Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, in opposition to public funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 283/98

Letter dated October 31, 1997, from Berna I. Stewart, Private Schools Funding Task Force, in opposition to public funding for private schools and requesting enhanced educational services for learning disabled children

Sessional Paper 284/98

E-mail message dated October 12, 1997, from John and Joyce Schofield to the Alberta Liberal Office in opposition to public funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 285/98

E-mail message dated October 12, 1997, from Beth Candlish to the Alberta Liberal Office in opposition to public funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 286/98

6 postcards issued by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, signed by Albertans in opposition to public funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 287/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated October 31, 1997, from Berna I. Stewart, Private Schools Funding Task Force, in opposition to public funding for private schools and requesting enhanced educational services for learning disabled children, with attached letters from Connie Barnaby, Alberta Federation of Union Retirees

Sessional Paper 288/98

Recognitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: 111th birthday of Smoky Lake resident Barbara Smerek.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Alberta Ladies Curling Club, skipped by Cathy Borst.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall: Northeast Calgary event celebrating Family and Community Pride, and in particular the Unsung Hero Award recipient Kelly Howe.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Stewart Lemoine, playwright.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Mennonite Centre for Newcomers.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated October 31, 1990, from Hon. Mr. Klein, former Minister of Environment and Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, former Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, to Mr. Stuart Lang, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc., regarding confirmation of criteria for the pulp and paper mill project to proceed

Sessional Paper 289/98

Speaker's Statement — Designated Departments under Standing Order 58(7)

The Chair has received some communications outside the House concerning the designation of departments' estimates under Standing Order 58(7) and would like to share with all Members the Chair's interpretation of this provision. For the benefit of Members, Standing Order 58(7) states that:

A department's estimates may not be designated under this Standing Order if consideration of those estimates has been concluded or the department's estimates have been previously designated under suborder (4).

Oddly enough, this provision is relatively clear and less unambiguous. If one were to take the example of the Treasury estimates, they were designated by the Leader of the Official Opposition for consideration by the Committee of Supply on Thursday, February 26, 1998. Of course, the estimates were not considered that afternoon as the ordinary business of the House was adjourned due to the successful Standing Order 30 application. The provisions of Standing Order 58(7) do not, however, stipulate that the estimates be "considered" only that they be "designated". Accordingly, Treasury, or the estimates of any other department that has been previously designated, such as Executive Council, cannot be designated again for consideration on a Thursday.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ19. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What are the names of the non-government selection panel members who recommended the former Deputy Minister of Education, Leroy Sloan, for that position, and the amounts of remuneration and expenses paid to each panel member for his or her services in the screening and selection process?

WQ25. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

What is the breakdown of the \$4,421,666 in unlisted preferred shares, by individual entity, held by the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation as of March 31, 1996, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 10, page 12?

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ25

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The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ17. Moved by Mr. White on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many facility operating agreements for provincial parks and recreation areas were offered for tender between September 1, 1996 and February 3, 1998, where the operator takes over full responsibility for the operation; how many tenders have been accepted; what is the name of each location for which no suitable tenders were received (if any) and what are the future management plans for each site for which no suitable tenders were received?

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

How many *Recreation Facility Sites* were offered for tender between *September 1, 1997* and February 3, 1998, where the operator takes over full responsibility for the operation; *on how many Recreation Facility Sites were tenders received*; what is the name of each location for which no suitable tenders were received (if any) and what *action is proposed or has been initiated for each Recreation Facility Site* for which no suitable tenders were received?

WQ18. Moved by Mr. White on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many provincial recreation areas and provincial forest recreation areas were there as of January 1, 1994, and between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1997, how many closed, how many were transferred to municipalities, how many were transferred to other bodies that keep them open to the public, how many were transferred to other bodies for private use, how many were still managed by the Government on December 31, 1997, and how many may be closed during 1998 if no operators are found?

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

How many provincial recreation areas and provincial forest recreation areas were there as of January 1, 1994, and between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1997, how many closed, how many were *divested to municipalities*, how many were *contracted or leased to private sector contractors, municipalities, community or other non-profit groups that kept them open to the public*, how many were *leased to community or other non-profit groups for exclusive use*, how many were still *operated directly* by the Government on December 31, 1997, and how many may be closed during 1998 if no operators are found?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ24, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR16. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Copies of all studies or analyses done by the Government showing the effect the regionalization of Children's Services will have on children living in poverty in Alberta.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, tabled Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR16

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The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR15. Moved by Ms Barrett:

Copies of all studies done by the Government on the direct and indirect effects on Alberta's workers and the provincial economy as a result of having the lowest minimum wage in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all studies done by the Government on the direct and indirect effects on Alberta's workers and the provincial economy as a result of having the lowest *dollar* minimum wage in Canada.

MR21. Moved by Mr. White on behalf of Ms Carlson:

A copy of all documents that record inspections by Alberta Environmental Protection of the construction of cell #2 at the Laidlaw Environmental Services (Ryley) Ltd. hazardous waste landfill from the start of construction until its completion in June 1997, including quality control/quality assessment of material used in the clay liner and compaction of the clay, and all departmental evaluation of inspections, assessments and records.

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

A copy of all documents that record inspections by Alberta Environmental Protection of *the construction and operation of* cell #2 at the Laidlaw Environmental Services (Ryley) Ltd. hazardous waste landfill from the start of construction until *February 1998*.

MR22. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

A copy of the agreement between Alberta Environmental Protection and Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM) for ISM to manage the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, as announced in a Government news release on September 4, 1997.

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

A copy of *those portions of* the agreement between Alberta Environmental Protection and Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM) for ISM to manage the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences *that are not protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, as announced in a Government news release on September 4, 1997.

MR23. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of all proposals received by Alberta Environmental Protection for the privatization of the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, including the proposal from Information Systems Management Corporation, with whom the Department has entered into an agreement.

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

A copy of those portions of the proposal received by Alberta Environmental Protection for the privatization of the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, from Information Systems Management Corporation, with whom the Department has entered into an agreement, that are not protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR38, MR39, MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56.

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 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:21 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, MARCH 4, 1998

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998 — 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 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 (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.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development:

University of Calgary Students' Union poster, entitled "Is the cost of education holding your future hostage?"

Sessional Paper 292/98

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 10:06 p.m. until Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 109 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 77 Albertans expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session), and requesting hearings to develop amendments.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 5, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, offering an apology to Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, regarding comments during Question Period Wednesday, March 4, 1998, and relating to a letter requesting that the Auditor General launch a special duty review of Alberta's financial involvement in the Alberta-Pacific Pulp Mill Project

Sessional Paper 293/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 5, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Karen Hincke, Executive Director, Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, in recognition of the World Day of Prayer, March 6, 1998

Sessional Paper 294/98

Information bulletin dated March 5, 1998, entitled "March 8 is International Women's Day"

Sessional Paper 295/98

News release dated March 5, 1998, entitled "Provincial Museum twinned with Hokkaido Museum"

Sessional Paper 296/98

News release dated March 5, 1998, entitled "Wild Rose Foundation brings world to Edmonton with international volunteer conference"

Sessional Paper 297/98

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

Fact sheet dated October 1997, entitled "Shut the Door on Private, For-Profit Health Care," by S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 298/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Goepel Shields and Partners report dated March 3, 1998, to Mr. Robert A. Bhatia, Assistant Deputy Provincial Treasurer, regarding financial advisory services provided to offer a fairness opinion on an offer to purchase loans under the Alberta-Pacific Pulp Project Credit Agreement, dated September 4, 1991

Sessional Paper 299/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Alberta Forest Conservation Strategy: A New Perspective on Sustaining Alberta's Forests, under the Canada/Alberta Partnership Agreement in Forestry

Sessional Paper 300/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, offered best wishes to the nine Alberta athletes of the 32-member Canadian Paralympic team competing in Nagano, Japan, March 5 to 14, 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also offered best wishes to the athletes.

Oral Question Period

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

Article dated February 1998, entitled "Letters to the Editor: MLA Rob Renner Responds to AARN Position on Health Professions Legislation", written by Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, as Chair, Implementation Steering Committee, Health Professions Act, published in AARN (Alberta Association of Registered Nurses) Newsletter, volume 54, issue number 2, pages 4 and 5

Sessional Paper 301/98

Letter dated September 18, 1997, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Safety Services, Alberta Labour, to manufacturers of pine shakes regarding treatment of pine shakes to become mandatory under the next edition of the Alberta Building Code, Appendix D, to be in force by the end of 1997

Sessional Paper 302/98

During Oral Question Period, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Standata product listing for the category: roof covering, product: A1 pine shakes, issued March 1, 1992, by Safety Standards Branch, Work and Safety Division, Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 303/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the Communities Against Cancer campaign with constituency fund-raising activities including a gala dinner, March 6, 1998, to raise funds for the Cross Cancer Institute.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement in support for International Women's Day, March 8, 1998, and efforts in pursuit of women's equality.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Learning Disabilities Month, March 1998, and recognizing the efforts of the Learning Disabilities Associations of Canada celebrating their 27th anniversary this year.

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 March 9 to March 12, 1998:

Monday, March 9

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Government Motions

Government Motion 22

Second Reading

Bills 19, 20, 22, 23

And as per Order Paper

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Day 15
 Reporting: Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Economic Development; Education; Energy; Labour; Public Works, Supply and Services.
 And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, March 10 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bills 19, 20, 22, 23
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Day 16
 Reporting: Advanced Education and Career Development; Science, Research and Information Technology; Transportation and Utilities; Treasury
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 11 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Day 17
 Reporting: Executive Council, and Designated Supply Subcommittees (Health; Justice and Attorney General; Municipal Affairs)
 And as per Order Paper

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 hold hearings and amend Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997, accordingly.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 26 Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998
— Hon. Mr. Havelock

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham on behalf of Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question No. WQ6 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on February 18, 1997:

What is the breakdown of the \$10 million expended under Vote 3.3.1 Assistance to Alberta Social Housing Corporation as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 2, page 94?

Sessional Paper 304/98

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

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the coaches and players of the University of Alberta Panda Volleyball Team offering congratulations on winning the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's volleyball national championship

Sessional Paper 305/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Choices, Chances, and Child Care in Alberta: Results from a Provincial Survey of Daycare Parents, prepared for the Greater Edmonton Area Child and Family Resource Association, excerpt pages 8 and 9 highlighting the potential options for child care should the present fees be raised

Sessional Paper 306/98

Letter dated March 6, 1998, from Molly Platts, Executive Director, McCauley Community After School Care Association, to Anne Marie regarding the effects of child care subsidy caps for parents residing in the Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods

Sessional Paper 307/98

Memorandum dated March 8, 1989, from Garry Chrusch, Director, Children's Services Section, City of Edmonton Social Services, to Social Service Centres Directors, Children's Services Workers, and Children's Services Consultants regarding the historical and political perspective of the City of Edmonton's Out-of-School Care Program

Sessional Paper 308/98

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

Standata product listing for the category: roof covering, product: Majestic Pine Shakes, issued March 1, 1992, by Safety Standards Branch, Work and Safety Division, Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 309/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, made a statement regarding the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) and offering congratulations to Ms Susan Kwan as the 30,000th registered member.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also offered congratulations to the association.

Recognitions

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: artist Janet Mitchell's passing.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Sturgeon Junior High School Basketball Tournament.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Ernest Manning High School Stage and Concert Band Festival.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Mayfield School reopening February 13, 1998.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Community Lottery Program Secretariat and Community Lottery Boards.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 40th anniversary of Capilano Elementary School.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed consisting of the following Members, namely:
 - Mr. Langevin, Chairman
 - Ms Barrett
 - Mr. Friedel
 - Mr. Jacques
 - Mr. Sapers

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 expenditures 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 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, tabled the following:

Report dated January 27, 1998, from Marie Gordon, McBean Becker Barristers and Solicitors, regarding submissions received on behalf of PROP (Protection and Restraining Order Project)

Sessional Paper 310/98

Debate continued.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — 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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$329,464,000	Operating Expense
\$1,561,000	Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$114,537,000	Operating Expense
\$415,000	Capital Investment

Education

\$1,913,237,000	Operating Expense
\$270,000	Capital Investment
\$104,500,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Energy

\$71,902,000	Operating Expense
\$1,315,000	Capital Investment

Labour

\$28,300,000	Operating Expense
\$300,000	Capital Investment

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$436,725,000	Operating Expense
\$50,310,000	Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Education:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Education (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 311/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Economic Development:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Economic Development (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 314/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, on behalf of the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 315/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a documents tabled by Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Economic Development:

FTE (Full-time Equivalent) fact sheet for the Ministry of Economic Development, dated March 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 312/98

Economic Development Department 1998-99 Estimates, Gross Operating Expense, Department Summary - Voted, dated March 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 313/98

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, the Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,500 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,928 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,675 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 2,250 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

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

Letter dated March 10, 1998 from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Dr. Bill Anderson, President, Alberta Medical Association, regarding the prospect of direct billing by physicians for insured health care services

Sessional Paper 318/98

Letter dated March 5, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting consultation with seniors' groups regarding the implications of Bill 22, Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 319/98

Expense claims relating to committee allowance, automobile allowance, car rental, temporary residence, airfare, and miscellaneous expense claim forms for fiscal year 1997-98, dated March 10, 1998

Sessional Paper 320/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Petition signed by 92 Saskatchewan and Manitoba residents regarding Alberta's Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage

Sessional Paper 321/98

Petition signed by 342 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage

Sessional Paper 322/98

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

Letter dated March 8, 1998, from Brian Nesbitt, President, Canadian Council of Railway Operating Unions (CCROU), to Mrs. Val Benoit in support for fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 323/98

498 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 324/98

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

Private Schools Funding Survey Results Report, dated November 1997, by Cathy Drixler and Andrew Drummond, Population Research Laboratory, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 325/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Article entitled "Ganging Up on Gangs," published in the CPA (Canadian Police Association) Express Magazine

Sessional Paper 326/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated March 3, 1998, from John R. Bauman to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern for the provision of medical services in Alberta

Sessional Paper 327/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

33 postcards received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 328/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

20 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 329/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

21 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 330/98

Consumer Reality Check: Private Health System Options fact sheet, by the Alberta Chapter of Consumers' Association of Canada

Sessional Paper 331/98

Poster entitled "Stop, Look, Listen" by the Seniors Action Liaison Team (S.A.L.T.) regarding the proposed legislation to allow private, for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 332/98

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement in recognition of the passing of Helmut Entrup, the first Farmers' Advocate of Alberta serving from 1973 to 1988.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement in support for legislation to restrict access by youth to tobacco products, and prevention programs established to discourage tobacco use.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

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: 13

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Carlson	Nicol	White
Leibovici	Paul	Zwozdesky
MacDonald		

Against the motion: 48

Black	Haley	Melchin
Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Burgener	Herard	Oberg
Cao	Hierath	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Day	Klapstein	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Laing	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Magnus	Tarchuk
Friedel	Mar	Thurber
Fritz	Marz	West
Gordon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky

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

Bill 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Capital Gains Tax.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mr. Magnus:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the Federal Government to increase the age of consent for sexual activities from 14 to 16 years of age.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:20 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998 — 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 Mr. Zwozdesky 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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$1,228,086,000	Operating Expense
\$3,045,000	Capital Investment
\$64,800,000	Non-Budgetary Disbursements

Transportation and Utilities

\$545,768,000	Operating Expense
\$174,050,000	Capital Investment

Treasury

\$36,157,000	Operating Expense
\$3,396,000	Capital Investment
\$6,107,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Letter dated March 4, 1998, from Peter Valentine, Auditor General, to Mr. Al O'Brien, Deputy Provincial Treasurer, regarding the Ministry of Treasury's audit for the 1996-97 fiscal year and highlighting support for the quality of the consolidated financial statements

Sessional Paper 333/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Letter dated August 6, 1996, from Mike Percy, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, Alberta Liberal Opposition, to Jim Dinning, former Provincial Treasurer, regarding the legislative framework's inadequacy to deal with the volatile revenue base of resource prices

Sessional Paper 334/98

Minnesota Statutes Agency Performance Report 1996: Finance Department, Final Format, Prepared January 28, 1997, excerpt pages 34-35 and 40-41

Sessional Paper 335/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Treasury (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 336/98

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 9:03 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first anniversary of 26 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997. Recognition was also given to the six year anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, first elected in the by-election on March 5, 1992.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Community Development, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee B) debate
Sessional Paper 337/98

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Karolina Wisniewska offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Women's Super G alpine skiing
Sessional Paper 338/98

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Stacy Kohut offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Men's Super G alpine skiing
Sessional Paper 339/98

Letter dated March 11, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Stacy Kohut offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Men's Giant Slalom alpine skiing
Sessional Paper 340/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms poster as signed by P.E. Trudeau, with French language translation on verso
Sessional Paper 341/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement recognizing Farm Safety Week, March 11 to 18, 1998, the contribution of the agriculture industry to Alberta's economy, and the need for education to prevent injury and fatalities on the farm.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement and expressed support for farm safety education initiatives.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement announcing the Government would not be proceeding with Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, which had been introduced to show compassion and provide fair compensation to victims.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressed concern for the Government's intention in introducing Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, and the need to protect minority interests from the tyranny of the majority.

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Mr. Doug Hyslip, Gemini award winner.

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

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat youth group's fundraising efforts.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Alberta Bill of Rights and the need for protection of human rights.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Chilean community's efforts to promote human rights and democratic freedoms.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ24. Moved by Mr. White:

What was the rate of non-compliance by industry for submitting required data to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ24

Sessional Paper 342/98

WQ29. Moved by Mr. White:

What was the application turn-around time for routine facility applications handled by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ29

Sessional Paper 343/98

WQ31. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many full time staff equivalents in the Department of Environmental Protection were employed throughout Alberta in wildlife and fisheries management on January 1, 1997, how many transferred to work for the Alberta Conservation Association after its creation and how many staff were employed to manage fish and wildlife activities in the Department following completion of this transfer on January 1, 1998?

WQ32. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many landfills in Alberta are operated under an approval and how many operate under the registration process under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and in each category how many unannounced spot checks did Alberta Environmental Protection carry out between September 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, how many infringements were discovered, what was the nature of each infringement and what penalty was imposed in each case?

WQ37. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993 for pollution control and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ26. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, by individual borrower, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, and what was the maximum amount of any loan loss write-off held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

WQ30. Moved by Ms Carlson:

What process is in place to audit companies that are conducting field operations to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the Department of Environmental Protection were engaged in this type of work between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies were conducting field operations between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

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

What process is in place to audit companies to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the *Environmental Service* were engaged in this type of work between *January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994* and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies *had approvals or codes of practice* between *January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994* and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

WQ35. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations and what was the maximum amount of any unimplemented loan authorization, unimplemented guarantee authorization, and unimplemented export guarantee authorization held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

WQ36. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio and what is the maximum amount of any guarantee or export guarantee held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ27. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What are the number and names of schools in Alberta still containing asbestos, and the estimated cost for each school to safely remove the asbestos?

WQ28. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What was the term of the contract between former Deputy Minister of Education Leroy Sloan and the Alberta Department of Education, and the amount of severance paid to him, if any, upon the termination of his contract with the Department of Education?

WQ34. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.732 million charge for loan losses and losses on realization by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, page 85?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ33, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54, WQ57, WQ58.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR38, MR39, MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

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 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 208, Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen

A debate followed.

Mr. Yankowsky 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 5:14 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, MARCH 11, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(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, 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, 1999, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$12,107,000 Operating Expense

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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Health

\$4,181,800,000 Operating Expense
\$1,150,000 Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$349,801,000 Operating Expense
\$1,580,000 Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$472,072,000	Operating Expense
\$2,542,000	Capital Investment
\$22,900,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Cardinal, Chairman, Northern Alberta Development Council, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Executive Council:

Responses to questions raised on February 19, 1998, Northern Alberta Development Council, Department of Executive Council, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 344/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an 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

Sessional Paper 345/98

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 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Premier's Task Force on NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Wind Turbine Manufacturing Facility and WindPower Plants: Final Report
Sessional Paper 346/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 12, 1998, entitled "Team Alberta North treks to 1998 Arctic Winter Games"
Sessional Paper 347/98

Letter dated March 12, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Team Alberta North athletes and coaches offering best wishes for success at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife
Sessional Paper 348/98

Letter dated March 12, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Karolina Wisniewska offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Women's Giant Slalom alpine skiing
Sessional Paper 349/98

Letter dated March 12, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Ramona Hoh offering congratulations on winning the bronze medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Women's Giant Slalom alpine skiing
Sessional Paper 350/98

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

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Mr. Al Duerr, City of Calgary Mayor, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, detailing concerns regarding issues of industry restructuring proposed in Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998
Sessional Paper 351/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

12 letters from Banded Peak School grade six students in Bragg Creek to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the environmental implications of logging activities at Logan Ridge

Sessional Paper 352/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised on March 9, 1998, Department of Health, 1998-99 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 353/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Petition signed by over 200 Nanton and area residents expressing concern regarding the number of, and lack of mechanisms to control the cougar population

Sessional Paper 354/98

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

Memorandum dated March 9, 1998, from Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, be considered by Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, as soon as House business allows

Sessional Paper 355/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement offering best wishes to the nine Alberta athletes of the 32-member Canadian Paralympic team competing in Nagano, Japan, March 5 to 14, 1998, and in particular dual-silver medal winner Mr. Stacy Kohut.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement expressing concern on behalf of a Banded Peak School grade six student in Bragg Creek regarding the environmental implications of logging activities at Logan Ridge and Kananaskis area development.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing the ESL (English as a Second Language) program offered by O.S. Geiger Elementary School in Calgary which successfully advocates literacy skills.

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 March 16 to March 19, 1998:

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| Monday, March 16 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 20, 22, 24, 25, 27 And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Day 19 Reporting: Science, Research and Information Technology, and Designated Supply Subcommittees (Environmental Protection; Family and Social Services) And as per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, March 17 | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Government Motions Messages presented Government Motions 23, 24, 25, 26 Second Reading Bills 20, 22, 24, 25, 27 And as per Order Paper |

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates: Lottery Fund
Day 1 of 1; Supplementary
Supply No. 2 General Revenue
Fund Day 1 of 2; Supplementary
Supply Lottery Fund Day 1 of 1

Wednesday, March 18

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Supply No. 2
General Revenue Fund Day 2 of 2

Main Estimates Day 20

Reporting: Community
Development; Intergovernmental
and Aboriginal Affairs

Bills introduced: Main
Appropriation and Supplementary
Supply No. 2

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 19

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading** and/or**Committee of the Whole**

Bills: Main Appropriation and
Supplementary Supply No. 2

Bills 20, 22, 24, 25, 27

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 18 — 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 Mrs. Laing reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development, 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 5:29 p.m. until Monday, March 16, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 1998

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 92nd anniversary of the First Session of the First Legislature of the Province of Alberta which was convened on March 15, 1906.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

6 letters dated March 10 to 12, 1998, from the Mayors of Calgary, Peace River, Lloydminster, Grande Prairie, and Bonnyville, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing concerns regarding issues of industry restructuring proposed in Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 356/98

London Economics report dated March 9, 1998, regarding the termination of the residual benefit contracts to which Alberta Power has suggested that the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) used to transfer the residual benefit from generators to customers should be extended beyond the year 2020

Sessional Paper 357/98

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

Letter dated September 17, 1993, from Mr. Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, to manufacturers of pine shakes regarding the acceptance of pine shakes in accordance with the approved Canadian Standards Association standard CSA 0118.3 entitled "Northern Pine Shakes"

Sessional Paper 358/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from V. LaBrie to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the lack of adequate compensation for care provided by SKILLS Training and Support Services Association for her medically handicapped son

Sessional Paper 359/98

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

Surface Rights Board and the Land Compensation Board, 26th Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 360/98

Recognitions

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: National Francophonie Week, March 16 to 22, 1998.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Alberta Council for Ukrainian Arts (ACUA) artistry awards.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Fort Macleod Hospital Auxiliaries 100th anniversary celebrated October 4, 1997.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association) roundtables organized to address child poverty.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Byron Smith's upcoming attempt to climb Mount Everest and his fundraising efforts for Vulcan elementary schools.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: SEEDS (Society, Environment, and Energy Development Studies) Program Emerald Status award to Brookwood Elementary School.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. Black on behalf of
Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting 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, 1999, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Science, Research and Information Technology

\$43,645,000 Operating Expense

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998

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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Environmental Protection

\$265,646,000	Operating Expense
\$8,159,000	Capital Investment

Family and Social Services

\$1,373,085,000	Operating Expense
\$9,336,000	Capital Investment

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 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Hon. Dr. West moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:39 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

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, March 18, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ33, WQ40.

Motions for Returns: MR38, MR39.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 361/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

March Fiscal Update, 1997-98 Budget Report detailing the consolidated fiscal summary

Sessional Paper 362/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on February 23, 1998, Department of Energy, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 363/98

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

Methodology and Results of Review of Executive Vehicle Operations, consultant report prepared by SVS Strategic Value Services, provided in response to a letter received February 23, 1998, from Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert

Sessional Paper 364/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Letter dated February 10, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to a letter received December 4, 1997, expressing concern regarding the possibility of individuals misrepresenting themselves as certified Grade C Pressure Welders

Sessional Paper 365/98

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

Reinventing Your Communities: Challenging New Roles and Responsibilities, Alberta Congress Board 1997 Jasper Conference Proceedings, October 30 to November 2, 1997, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

Sessional Paper 366/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 13, 1998, from Golden Horizon Seniors Society and Filipino Senior Citizens Association of Edmonton expressing concern regarding the implications of Bill 22, Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998, for the payment of health care premiums by low and middle income Albertans, with attached petition signed by 107 Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 367/98

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

Fact sheet of "What Do You Think" survey results as initiated in the Mill Creek Report, Fall 1997, by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek

Sessional Paper 368/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Public Opinion Survey of Residents of the City of Edmonton to Determine Their Views about VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) and Charity Casinos: Summary Analysis Report, prepared by TeleResearch Inc.

Sessional Paper 369/98

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

1,847 submissions from Albertans on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..." (submissions received subsequent to the Government resolution being passed on December 10, 1997)

Sessional Paper 370/98

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Summary of the structural condition of the Maple Leaf Meat Processing Plant, Edmonton, Alberta, prepared by R.H. Banks, P.Eng., Reid Crowther

Sessional Paper 371/98

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the folklore of St. Patrick's Day, and recognizing the history of the Irish people.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement in tribute to members of the Alberta Bar Association on the occasion of his 27th anniversary of becoming a member.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session) proposing an increase to private school funding, acceptance of the subsequent task force's 26 recommendations, and in particular the recommendation to increase funding to independent schools.

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

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 206 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 372/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the documents tabled by Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998:

Organ and Tissue Donation and Distribution in Canada: A Discussion Document, prepared by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Advisory Committee on Health Services, dated September 1996

Sessional Paper 373/98

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Neil Wilkinson, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for the overall intent and objective of Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, but expressing concern for the amendment outlined in section five

Sessional Paper 374/98

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Magnus:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the Federal Government to increase the age of consent for sexual activities from 14 to 16 years of age.

A debate followed.

During debate Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 3, 1998, from Carol Tholenaer, President, Calgary Local Council of Women, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing support for raising the age of consent to 18, with attached fact sheet detailing the Calgary Local Council of Women (CLCW) resolutions and a meta-analysis of the published research on the effects of child sexual abuse

Sessional Paper 375/98

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: 42

Amery	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Gordon	O'Neill
Black	Haley	Oberg
Blakeman	Hancock	Renner
Broda	Herard	Severtson
Burgener	Jacques	Shariff
Cao	Jonson	Stevens
Clegg	Klapstein	Strang
Day	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Taylor
Dunford	MacDonald	Thurber
Fischer	Magnus	Trynchy
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	Massey	Soetaert
Carlson	Olsen	White
Dickson		

Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

March Fiscal Update, 1997-98 Budget Report detailing the consolidated fiscal summary

Sessional Paper 376/98

1997-98 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund (No. 2) and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 377/98

Government Motions**23.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2 for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2 for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

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 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Main Estimates; Day 1 — Lottery Fund Supplementary Supply Estimates; and Day 1 — Supplementary Supply No. 2 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 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, 1999, for the purposes indicated:

Agricultural Initiatives

\$22,530,000

Cultural Initiatives

\$29,679,000

Recreation Initiatives

\$17,037,000

Community Facility Enhancement Program

\$30,000,000

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$11,304,000

Science Initiatives

\$750,000

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Community Lottery Board Grant Program

\$50,000,000

Other Initiatives

\$12,000,000

Total Lottery Fund Payments**\$173,300,000**

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates for 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:

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$130,000,000

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2, General Revenue Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:28 p.m. until Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 13 constituents supporting a required administrative licence suspension for anyone charged with impaired driving, for a period of 90 days or up to the time of court appearance and disposition.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 135 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Haley on behalf of Mrs. Laing

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

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Haley on behalf of Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Dave Earner offering congratulations on winning the silver medal in Men's Sledge Hockey at the Nagano Winter Olympic Games
Sessional Paper 378/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Pierre Schweda offering congratulations for coaching the silver medal winning Men's Sledge Hockey team at the Nagano Winter Olympic Games
Sessional Paper 379/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Warren Martin offering congratulations on winning the silver medal in Men's Sledge Hockey at the Nagano Winter Olympic Games
Sessional Paper 380/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Stacy Kohut offering congratulations on winning the silver medal in Men's Slalom alpine skiing at the Nagano Winter Olympic Games
Sessional Paper 381/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 16, 1998, from Herman Schwenk, President, Alberta Federation of REA's Ltd. (A Forum for the Future of Farm Power) expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, proposed "life extension period" including a cut-off date of December 31, 2020, with attached Alberta Report article dated March 18, 1998, entitled "TransAlta angles for a \$6 billion windfall"

Sessional Paper 382/98

London Economics report dated March 12, 1998, regarding the termination of the residual benefit contracts to which Alberta Power has suggested that the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) used to transfer the residual benefit from generators to customers should be extended beyond the year 2020

Sessional Paper 383/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to the Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers in recognition of National Social Work Week, March 15 to 21, 1998, and the dedication and contribution of social workers

Sessional Paper 384/98

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

Responses to questions raised on March 2, 1998, Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee B) debate

Sessional Paper 385/98

Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs: Client Survey Project (1997), Executive Summary, prepared by Equus Consulting Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 386/98

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

Letter dated March 6, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the funding of the Mayfield Elementary School's Early Head Start program

Sessional Paper 387/98

Recognitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Capital Health Authority 35-member medical team's return from a volunteer mission to Guatemala.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1998.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Riverdale resident Veronika Whitfield's passing.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ33. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

What was the number of public servants employed by the Government within the age ranges of 25 years and under, 26 through 30 years, 31 through 45 years, 46 through 60 years, and over 60 years of age for the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

WQ40. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

What was the average age of, and number of, managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997; and what was the average age of, and number of, executive managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54, WQ57, WQ58, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82, WQ83.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR38. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson:

Copies of all contracts between private health care operators and the Capital Regional Health Authority within the time period January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998.

MR39. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. Dickson:

Copies of all contracts between private health care operators and the Calgary Regional Health Authority within the time period January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

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 with some amendments:

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

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 206 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on
March 17, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 388/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen

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: 7

Bonner	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Sapers	White
Nicol		

Against the motion: 40

Amery	Havelock	McClellan
Black	Herard	McFarland
Broda	Hierath	Melchin
Burgener	Hlady	O'Neill
Calahasen	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cardinal	Klapstein	Shariff
Clegg	Kryczka	Stelmach
Coutts	Langevin	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Mar	West
Haley	Marz	Yankowsky
Hancock		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates; and Day 2 — Supplementary Supply No. 2 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, 1999, for the purposes indicated:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

Legislative Assembly

\$21,986,219	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$12,089,210	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$404,500	Office of the Auditor General Capital Investment
\$1,460,500	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$1,761,021	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$197,732	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$1,582,724	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

The Committee of Supply has also 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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$307,651,000	Operating Expense
\$110,000	Capital Investment

Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

\$24,350,000	Operating Expense
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The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 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, 1998, for the purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$203,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$24,000	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$10,000	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$4,000	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$26,000	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 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, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Education

\$4,370,000 Operating Expense

Health

\$130,000,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy 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 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:28 p.m. until Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 1998

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the nine-year anniversary of the 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly first elected on March 20, 1989.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 1,845 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 115 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,745 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 158 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 19, 1998, entitled "Alberta communities to recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"
Sessional Paper 389/98

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to the four members of the Heebee-jeebees (Chris Herard, Jonathon Love, Ken Lima Coelho, and Chris Ewington) offering congratulations on winning first place and the "Audience Favorite" awards at the Northwest Regional Division of the Harmony Sweepstakes American A Cappella Competition

Sessional Paper 390/98

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

Memorandum dated February 10, 1998, from Carolyn DesLaurier, Resident Representative, Good Samaritan Centre, to the Capital Health Chronic Ventilator/Respiratory Care Expert Panel expressing concern regarding the decrease in the Respiratory Therapists' hours from the current 24-hour coverage

Sessional Paper 391/98

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

Letter dated January 12, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Ms Joan MacDonald, Early Head Start Project Coordinator, Mayfield Elementary School, in response to a letter expressing concern regarding future funding reductions to the Early Head Start Project's Early Intervention Program

Sessional Paper 392/98

Letter dated October 27, 1997, from Advisory Board Members of the Early Head Start Project to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing concern regarding possible funding reductions to the Early Head Start Project's Early Intervention Program, with attached 29 letters from program recipients

Sessional Paper 393/98

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Joan MacDonald, Program Coordinator, Mayfield Elementary School's Early Head Start program, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, relaying the Commissioner of Services for Children and Families' decision to reduce the upcoming fiscal year budget by 17% as notified by Debbie Morrison on March 10, 1998

Sessional Paper 394/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding his recent personal experience with the health care system and recognized the contribution of health care professionals.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the role of the Justice and Attorney General and the need for respect of judicial independence, the Canadian Constitution, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, made a statement regarding concerns expressed by seniors which are being addressed by Government initiatives, benefits, and support programs.

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 March 23 to March 26, 1998:

Monday, March 23	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 25, 27, 29, 30 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 31, 32, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, March 24	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading And as per Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18
Third Reading
Bills 31, 32 |
| Wednesday, March 25 | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 19, 20, 24
Third Reading
And as per Order Paper |
| Thursday, March 26 | Aft. | - | Royal Assent
Bills 5, 31, 32
And as per Order Paper
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
And as per Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

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

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

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Mr. White 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, March 23, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 23, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, presented a petition from 88 Albertans regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition regarding the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 347 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 20 Albertans regarding the opening of adoption records in Alberta with the inclusion of a contact veto.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 311 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

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

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Thurber on behalf of Mr. Ducharme

Bill 217 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Cardinal

Bill 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

Bill 219 Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 220 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Bill 221 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 222 Fiscal Stabilization Fund Calculation Act — Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 223 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Fischer

Bill 224 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) — Mrs. Soetaert

Bill 225 Corrections Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

Bill 226 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Trynchy

- Bill 227 School (Principal's Duties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Forsyth on behalf of Mr. Jacques
- Bill 228 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Pham
- Bill 229 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Blakeman
- Bill 230 Dutch Elm Disease Act — Mr. White

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

The Rights Path - Alberta: It's Your Right to be Treated with Respect and Without Discrimination, booklet prepared by the Aboriginal Human Rights Committee

Sessional Paper 395/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

2 letters dated March 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Malcolm Forsyth and Mr. Paul Brandt offering congratulations on winning a 1998 Juno Award

Sessional Paper 396/98

2 letters dated March 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Jeremy Wotherspoon and Ms Catriona LeMay-Doan offering congratulations on winning a World Cup Speedskating Overall Championship Award

Sessional Paper 397/98

Letters dated March 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Hayley Wickenheiser offering congratulations on winning a silver medal at the Canadian Women's Hockey Championship in Calgary

Sessional Paper 398/98

Information bulletin dated March 23, 1998, entitled "Record medal count for Team Alberta North at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games"

Sessional Paper 399/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from Cora Weber-Pillwax to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, regarding Bill 17, Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 400/98

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

Turning Point: A Program of the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary, dated November 1997, prepared by the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary (MHAC)
Sessional Paper 401/98

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 1997
Sessional Paper 402/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering congratulations to the Team Alberta North athletes competing at the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, March 15 to 21, 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, also offered congratulations to the participants involved.

Recognitions

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Women's Centre of Calgary.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Edmonton/Calgary Provincial Hockey Tournament.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Mr. Sev Sabourin's passing, former CKUA Program Director.

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

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. John Ambulance volunteers.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Hardisty Fitness Centre renovations.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Provincial Junior and Senior High School Debate Championship, held at Crescent Heights High School, Medicine Hat.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the 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 motion: 11

Blakeman	Mitchell	Soetaert
Carlson	Olsen	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Zwozdesky
MacDonald	Sapers	

Against the motion: 47

Amery	Fritz	O'Neill
Black	Graham	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Herard	Pham
Broda	Hierath	Renner
Burgener	Hlady	Severtson
Calahasen	Johnson	Shariff
Cao	Jonson	Smith
Cardinal	Klapstein	Stelmach
Clegg	Kryczka	Strang
Coutts	Langevin	Tannas
Day	Lund	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Marz	Trynchy
Evans	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fischer	McFarland	Yankowsky
Forsyth	Melchin	

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

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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: 47

Amery	Fritz	Paszkowski
Black	Graham	Pham
Broda	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Hierath	Severtson
Calahasen	Hlady	Shariff
Cao	Johnson	Smith
Cardinal	Jonson	Stelmach
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Coutts	Kryczka	Strang
Day	Langevin	Tannas
Doerksen	Magnus	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Marz	Thurber
Dunford	McClellan	Trynchy
Evans	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fischer	Melchin	Yankowsky
Forsyth	O'Neill	

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:19 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Zwozdesky, 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 3 (Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 403/98

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 3 introduced by the Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 404/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:57 p.m. until Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

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, March 25, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48,
WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54.

Motions for Returns: MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring participants EUAA'98 (Electric Utilities Act Advisory Committee), Appendix 1 listing stakeholders consulted on electricity deregulation

Sessional Paper 405/98

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring, Appendix 2 listing 15 technical discussion papers circulated to stakeholders

Sessional Paper 406/98

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring, Appendix 3 listing 12 public domain documents available on the Internet

Sessional Paper 407/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Dan Macnamara, Executive Director, Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing support for electric industry restructuring as detailed in Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 408/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Report and Recommendations of the Non-Profit Tax Exemption Review Committee, dated December 1997

Sessional Paper 409/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

ESBI Alberta Ltd. (EAL) Inception Study, dated February 1998, excerpt pages detailing the electricity industry legislation, the electric supply system and institutions in Alberta as viewed from the perspective of an independent Transmission Administrator (TA)

Sessional Paper 410/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta: Celebration of the Century, A Strategy for Celebrating Alberta's 100th Anniversary, dated December 1997, prepared by Alberta's 100th Anniversary Strategy Committee

Sessional Paper 411/98

News release dated March 24, 1998, entitled "Government releases report of centennial ideas"

Sessional Paper 412/98

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

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Mr. Philip A. Hardin, Medical Director, West Edmonton Diabetes Centre, to Ms Sheila Weatherill, President, Capital Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the lack of provision of services by Diabetes Education Centres

Sessional Paper 413/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement on the occasion of the retirement of Bishop Paul O'Byrne with recognition of his community efforts, and the installation of Bishop Patrick Henry in the Calgary diocese.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement in support for Capital Health Authority's support workers and detailing the labour dispute which occurred on Friday, March 20, 1998.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the creation of the breast biopsy unit at the Grace Women's Health Centre, and recognizing the financial contribution of TransAlta Corporation through a corporate partnership effort to combat breast cancer.

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 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Dickson

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to assure Albertans that the provisions contained within the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) are consistent with the principles of quality, accessible publicly-funded Canadian health care, education and social services; the preservation of high quality labour and environmental standards; promotion of the development and growth of small and medium-sized Alberta businesses; and protection of domestic financial institutions, prior to giving its approval to the MAI.

A debate followed.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *approve the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) only if it is in the public interest of Albertans and urge the Federal Government to ensure that the MAI fully respects the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta, including the areas of health care, education, social services, labour, environment, and Crown property.*

A debate followed (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was put on the amendment, which was agreed to. The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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 Third time:

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 2 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 414/98

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 415/98

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 3 (Amendment introduced by the
Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development on behalf
of the Hon. Minister of Education) (Sub-amendment introduced by the Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on March 23, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 416/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Advanced
Education and Career Development on behalf of the Hon. Minister of
Education on March 23, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 417/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 418/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 419/98

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 11:45 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 389 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

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 Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

As part of this report, I will be filing copies of the amendment proposed to this Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

Sessional Paper 420/98

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

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to by the Assembly on March 2, 1998, be amended as follows:

Standing Order 7 is amended in suborder (1) by striking out "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" after "Ministerial Statements" and adding "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" after "Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes."

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

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 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Charles H. Harley, President, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to doctors regarding the Physician Achievement Review (PAR) program contained in Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 421/98

Alberta Ministry of Health: Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, Statistical Supplement 1996-97

Sessional Paper 422/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) Report: Sour Well Safety, dated March 18, 1998

Sessional Paper 423/98

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

Letter dated February 5, 1998, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, in support for assistance to facilitate the search for an operator interested in re-opening the Edmonton Gainers facility

Sessional Paper 424/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 16, 1998, from Suzanne Shaw to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding postponement of medical treatment

Sessional Paper 425/98

Letter dated February 25, 1998, from Dina Lavoie, Ph. D., President of the Forum, École des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the resolutions adopted at the National Forum on Financing of Female Entrepreneurship held January 24 to 25, 1998 at the Business School of the University of Montreal

Sessional Paper 426/98

Recognitions

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Mr. Thomas Graw, Heartbeat of the Community Award recipient.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church renovations.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall: Canadian Citizenship Court Judge Ann Wilson.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Sherwood Park Rockers and Sherwood Park Thunder, Edmonton Area Basketball Tournament winning teams.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Mr. Tom Spilla, Alberta Stage and Concert Band Festival Association's Tommy Banks Award recipient.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: McCauley LETSystem Volunteering Association, Ethel Marliiss Scholarship Award recipient.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: University of Alberta tennis team, 1998 Intercollegiate Tennis Championship Canada Cup Award recipients.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Stephen G. Snyder, President and Chief Executive Officer, TransAlta Corporation, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998
Sessional Paper 427/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ47. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.407 billion in corporate income taxes collected by the Government during the fiscal year 1996/97, by asset size of taxable corporations, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 1, page 12?

WQ48. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.707 billion classified as accounts and accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, page 26?

WQ49. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$203 million allowance for doubtful accounts by individual entity, under accounts and accrued interest receivable, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 5, page 15?

WQ54. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many water level monitoring stations were in operation on rivers in Alberta between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992 and between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, at how many sites was measuring automatic, at how many sites were measurements made manually in each year, and at the manual sites how many staff and how many volunteers were engaged in monitoring operations, and with what frequency?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, gave the following Response to Written Question No. WQ54:

There were 452 water level monitoring stations operated on rivers in Alberta between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992; 392 were operating between January 2, 1997 and December 31, 1997. These were automatic recordings. There were no volunteers used, and within Alberta Environmental Protection, 23 persons were employed in 1992 in the surface water monitoring section, and in 1997 - 29 were employed, but the work load was different than in 1997. Approximately 15 percent of the staff time was used for river monitoring.

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ41. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on, respectively, the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many staff were employed; how many of these were park rangers, and what are the comparable figures for the calendar year 1997?

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

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many *permanent positions and full-time equivalents were included in this budget*; how many of these were *permanent park ranger positions*, and what are the comparable figures for the *fiscal year 1996/97*?

WQ42. Moved by Mr. White:

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

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

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional *and District* Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

WQ50. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$9.63 million in impaired loans, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$9.63 million in impaired loans and what was the maximum amount of any impaired loan held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

WQ51. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable and what was the maximum amount of any specific allowance for loss on loans held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ45. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$10.188 million in performing loans and \$1.344 million in non-performing loans, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note, 5, page 226?

WQ46. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.879 million provision for loss on notes, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under the NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996 as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 5, page 226?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ57, WQ58, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82, WQ83, WQ92, WQ93.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR52. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

Final drafts or copies of transcripts of speeches for each of the Deputy Ministers in the Department of Health for the period of February 1, 1995 until January 31, 1998.

MR53. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

A copy of the plan for risk management at each of the 12 priority orphan sites identified under the Help Eliminate Landfill Pollution Program, as referred to on page 9 of the 1996/97 Annual Report of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

MR55. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

Copies of all invoices issued to the Government, or its agents, for the purchase of any and all video lottery terminals (VLTs) since January 1, 1992.

MR56. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of all lease agreements from January 1, 1989, until present between the Caritas Health Group and Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services regarding the Edmonton General Hospital.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR43. Moved by Mr. White:

A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996, to the present.

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

A copy of the *meeting summaries and council reports* of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996, to the present.

MR44. Moved by Mr. White:

A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the calendar years 1996 and 1997.

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

A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the *1997 calendar year*.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time:

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

During debate, Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, tabled the following:

Letter undated from Myron H. Porisky to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 428/98

Letter dated March 23, 1998, from Deborah Morrison to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, with attached speaking notes regarding organ donation entitled "Reflections on the decision to donate Talya's organs"

Sessional Paper 429/98

Debate continued.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

Second Reading

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

Bill 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Dickson

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: 7

Blakeman	MacDonald	Olsen
Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson		

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Hlady	O'Neill
Broda	Jacques	Oberg
Burgener	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cao	Klapstein	Renner
Clegg	Kryczka	Severtson
Day	Laing	Strang
Ducharme	Langevin	Tannas
Fischer	Lund	Tarchuk
Fritz	Magnus	Thurber
Graham	McClellan	Trynchy
Haley	McFarland	West
Hancock	Melchin	Yankowsky
Herard		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:13 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 430/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 432/98

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 433/98

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1998, during Second reading debate of Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998
Sessional Paper 431/98

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from Edward A. Jenkins, Chairman, Canadian for Organizational and Personal Accountability (C.O.P.A.), to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing concern regarding accountability and financial provisions contained in Bill 17, Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 434/98

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:31 p.m. until Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 260 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

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, March 1998, regarding the 1996-97 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 435/98

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

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

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 26, 1998, entitled "Information Rights Week to focus on new technology"

Sessional Paper 436/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Shona Schleppe and the other members of the Team Alberta North Mission staff expressing appreciation for assistance given at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife

Sessional Paper 437/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ47 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.407 billion in corporate income taxes collected by the Government during the fiscal year 1996/97, by asset size of taxable corporations, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 1, page 12?

Sessional Paper 438/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ48 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.707 billion classified as accounts and accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, page 26?

Sessional Paper 439/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ49 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$203 million allowance for doubtful accounts by individual entity, under accounts and accrued interest receivable, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 5, page 15?

Sessional Paper 440/98

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

Letter dated March 16, 1998, from Joan A.E. Baker, Program Director, Day Programs, Alberta North Central Region, Canadian Mental Health Association, to colleagues expressing concern for the community due to the loss of funding for the Friday Friendship Day drop-in program effective March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 441/98

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

Fact sheet detailing a decrease in the real median income between 1986 and 1995 in Calgary, source: Statistics Canada and City of Calgary Finance Department
Sessional Paper 442/98

Fact sheet detailing the proportion of people in the Calgary region who report insufficient funds to purchase food, source: CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) Population Health - Seniors, Parents and Adult Survey
Sessional Paper 443/98

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

Articles entitled "Ralph's new Vriend" and "Tolerance is a one-way street," source: Alberta Report, September 8, 1997, page 12
Sessional Paper 444/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Henry E. McCandless and Dr. Michèle Brill-Edwards, Directors, Alliance for Public Accountability, to the Provincial, Territorial and Federal Ministers of Health and Opposition Health Critics expressing concern regarding the safety and accessibility of the replacement national blood system, with attached report dated March 16, 1998, entitled "Ensuring Blood Safety and Reliability through the Proposed Canadian Blood Services Authority"

Sessional Paper 445/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding charter schools providing for innovation and change within the publicly funded education system, and urging revisiting the development and implementation process for these schools.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding financial hardship of Peace River and Athabasca area farmers leading to requests for financial aid under the Farm Income Disaster Program and the Crop Insurance Program.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Alberta Juvenile Ski Team and offering congratulations for their accomplishments at the Canadian Juvenile Alpine Ski Championships held at Mont Orford, Magog, Quebec, March 15 to 22, 1998.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 30 to April 2, 1998:

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| Monday, March 30 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 28, 33, 36, 27, 29, 30
And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, March 31 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 27, 29, 30
And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper, based on progress Monday, and in consultation with the Opposition House Leaders and parties |
| Wednesday, April 1 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper, based on progress Monday and Tuesday, and in consultation with the Opposition House Leaders and parties |

Thursday, April 2

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 21, 34, 35, 37

And as per Order Paper

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:

- 3 School Amendment Act, 1998
- 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998
- 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act
- 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998
- 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998
- 31 Appropriation Act, 1998
- 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2)
- 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

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

27. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, March 25, 1998, Hon. Mr. Hancock, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to by the Assembly on March 2, 1998, be amended as follows:

Standing Order 7 is amended in suborder (1) by striking out "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" after "Ministerial Statements" and adding "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" after "Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes."

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 30, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 30, 1998

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — 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 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR55 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on March 25, 1998:

Copies of all invoices issued to the Government, or its agents, for the purchase of any and all video lottery terminals (VLTs) since January 1, 1992.

Sessional Paper 446/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Curtis Myden offering congratulations on winning the gold medal in the men's 400-metre individual medley at the World Cup Short-Course Swimming Competition in Imperia, Italy

Sessional Paper 447/98

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Dustin Wilson offering congratulations on winning the bronze medal in aerials at the Canadian Freestyle Ski Championships in Fortress

Sessional Paper 448/98

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Paul Stutz offering congratulations on winning multiple first and second placings for skiing at the Midland Walwyn Canadian Juvenile Championships in Mont-Orford, Quebec

Sessional Paper 449/98

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Mark Ridgely and Mr. John Gillies offering congratulations on winning the Canadian Powder 8 Championship in Lake Louise

Sessional Paper 450/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated March 29, 1998, from Christine Burdett, Spokesperson, Friends of the Leduc Hospital, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the increase in privatized for-profit health care and extending an invitation to attend Mr. Ralph Nader's keynote address on Thursday, April 2, 1998, Health Care Forum to be held at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 451/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

23 letters dated March 23 to 25, 1998, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation in the Individual Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 452/98

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

Letter dated March 26, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Hon. E.R. Wachowich, Chief Judge, Provincial Court of Alberta, regarding Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, with attached listing of House Amendments to the Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 453/98

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

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Mr. Paul Rushforth, Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding changes affecting the allocation of cataract surgery cases

Sessional Paper 454/98

Letter dated December 22, 1997, from Mr. Hierath, Chairman, Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, to Mr. John Robert "Bud" McCaig, Chairman, Calgary Regional Health Authority, reporting on a routine visit to the Foothills Provincial Hospital, Calgary on November 25 to 28, 1997, by Maureen Millang, Al Wilson, Bill Klasky and Lynn Saliken

Sessional Paper 455/98

Recognitions

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Leonard Blumenthal, retiring Chief Executive Officer, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission).

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Calgary Swim Club members and coaches.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: Terri-Lynn the 90th graduate of Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (ARC).

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Sherwood Park Thunder Midget Boys Basketball Team.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's reception of March 30, 1998, recognizing efforts in fire prevention, fire safety, and fire fighting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. McFarland

Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Third Reading

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

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing on behalf of Mrs. Burgener

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the 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 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 456/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 457/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 458/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 459/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 460/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 3,835 Albertans regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition to the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

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 1, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ57, WQ58.

Motions for Returns: MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64,
MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reverse the cuts in operating allowances for licensed day cares due to take effect on April 1, 1998, negatively impacting tens of thousands of middle income Alberta families, especially given the double standard with licensed family day home agencies which continue to receive hefty administrative allowances from taxpayers.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1997
Sessional Paper 461/98

Safety Codes Council, Three-Year Business Plan (1998-2000), dated January 15, 1998
Sessional Paper 462/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Calgary Sun coupon entitled "Take another look at Bill 27" for public submission responses regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, published on page 3 of the March 31, 1998 issue
Sessional Paper 463/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) news release dated March 30, 1998, entitled "Defer Bill 27 Third Reading Says AUMA"
Sessional Paper 464/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular section 31.994(1) proposing to tax municipalities which operate retail (commodity) electric services to customers
Sessional Paper 465/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal to regulate municipal utilities if operating in energy commodity services thereby interfering with local autonomy and self-regulation of municipalities
Sessional Paper 466/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

News release dated July 24, 1997, entitled "Child Care Subsidy for Low Income Parents Will Increase"
Sessional Paper 467/98

Fact sheet dated March 1998, entitled "The Facts on Day Care Funding Changes"
Sessional Paper 468/98

Day Care Matters: A Bulletin for Parents, Day Care Operators and Day Care Staff, Spring 1998 issue, entitled "Funding Changes Start in April"
Sessional Paper 469/98

Fact sheet dated March 31, 1998, entitled "Day Care Funding Changes: Updated March 16, 1998"

Sessional Paper 470/98

Fact sheet dated July 18, 1997, entitled "Interprovincial Comparisons of Day Care Funding 1997"

Sessional Paper 471/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from John G. Wright, Secretary, McDougall Church Council, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 472/98

4 letters dated March 22 to 29, 1998, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 473/98

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

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees/Canadian Health Care Guild news release dated March 31, 1998, entitled "We are not out to defy the Labour Relations Board, we are out for justice"

Sessional Paper 474/98

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees/Canadian Health Care Guild news release undated entitled "We are not out to defy the Labour Relations Board, we are out for justice: we are the Auxiliary Nursing Care Staff who provide the bedside nursing care in your hospital"

Sessional Paper 475/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve formation, the 1935 formation of the Calgary Division, and the 1941 christening of the HMCS Tecumseh.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the role of the justice system, and expressing support for the principle of judicial independence with the freedom of expression fundamental to the administration of justice.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 90th anniversary of Alberta's first infantry unit the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, their First and Second World War efforts, and present militia soldiering activities.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reverse the cuts in operating allowances for licensed day cares due to take effect on April 1, 1998, negatively impacting tens of thousands of middle income Alberta families, especially given the double standard with licensed family day home agencies which continue to receive hefty administrative allowances from taxpayers.

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 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Tannas (as amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *reclassify* the taxation per gram of smokeless tobacco products to the same level as cigarettes per gram of *tobacco*.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

At 4:26 p.m. Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to the next item of business.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Ms Graham on behalf of Mr. Cao

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998 — 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 with some amendments:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Johnson

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

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 27 (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 476/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Centre on March 30, 1998) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 477/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 478/98

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-
St. Albert) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 479/98

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Agreed
to
Sessional Paper 480/98

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Glossary of Terms defining electric utility industry terms
Sessional Paper 481/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 388 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 70 Edmonton and Spruce Grove residents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

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 support quality, affordable child care options for all Alberta families, regardless of income. We also petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reverse its decision eliminating operating allowances to child care centres and to instead bring forth a funding formula which will enhance quality child care and keep daycare fees affordable for low income and middle income families.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 482/98

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

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Mychelle Harding to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 483/98

Equal in Dignity and Rights: A Review of Human Rights in Alberta by the Alberta Human Rights Review Panel, dated June 1994, excerpt pages 71 to 75 regarding recommendations concerning sexual orientation discrimination

Sessional Paper 484/98

Our Commitment to Human Rights: The Government's Response to the Recommendations of the Alberta Human Rights Review Panel, dated December 1995, prepared by the Department of Community Development, excerpt page 21 regarding sexual orientation, source of income, and systemic discrimination

Sessional Paper 485/98

Canadian Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 1997, excerpt pages regarding sexual orientation, sexual discrimination, pay equity, and employment equity

Sessional Paper 486/98

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 487/98

E-mail message dated March 29, 1998, from Allan Barsky, Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary (Visiting Professor at Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel), to the Legislative Assembly requesting recognition for the rights of all members of the public regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 488/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 489/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Ted Boniface to Mr. Gary G. Campbell, Q.C., and Mr. Jack Donald, Co-chairs, 1998 Tax Review Committee, regarding financial incentives for knowledge-based industries

Sessional Paper 490/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 31, 1998, to S.C. (Stan) Klassen, Executive Director, Alberta Irrigation Projects Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal of residual value being turned over to electric shareholders by the year 2020

Sessional Paper 491/98

Letter dated March 31, 1998, from David Conroy, Alberta Council on Aging, and Larry Phillips, Consumers' Coalition of Alberta, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal of residual value being turned over to electric shareholders by the year 2020

Sessional Paper 492/98

Oral Question Period

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

Joint statement by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding agreements reached with health care union representatives Margaret Nelson, President, Canadian Health Care Guild, and Dan MacLennan, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 493/98

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta (IPCAA) news release, dated April 1, 1998, detailing the IPCAA position regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, being an acceptable framework for deregulation of electricity markets

Sessional Paper 494/98

Letter dated April 1, 1998, from David Lewin, P.Eng., Ph.D., Vice President Regulation and Environment, EPCOR, expressing support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 495/98

Recognitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Community Options Society, Grant MacEwan Community College's Sheila Campbell Co-operating Agencies Award recipient.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Edmonton Police Service, the first Canadian law enforcement agency to receive accreditation by the International Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Mr. Tim Yeo, constituent leaving for Japan to conduct the first Canadian Curling Association ice-making school.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: volunteer efforts to promote youth soccer activities.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: six members of the Camrose Volunteer Fire Department, recipients of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ57. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What are the assumptions, values, formulae, and calculations used to derive the education reinvestment subtotal for each category listed below as taken from the January 9, 1998, Alberta Education Backgrounder entitled "Agenda for Opportunity: Education Re-investment to 2000/2001": \$93 million - Rate Increases for Basic Instruction; \$171 million - Enrolment Growth; \$86 million - Special Needs; \$22 million - Early Literacy Initiative; \$10 million - Teacher Aide Program; \$5 million - English as a Second Language Enhancement; \$13 million - Student Transportation; \$18 million - Capital Funding; \$12 million - Teachers' Pensions; \$8 million - Equity Funding; and (\$59) million - Adjustments?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ58. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection attend between October 1, 1994 and February 28, 1998?

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

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection *and the Department* attend between October 1, 1994 and *October 31, 1997*?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82, WQ83, WQ92, WQ93.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR60. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of all research, documents, and findings prepared by or for the Department of Education regarding gender bias and performance on achievement and/or diploma examinations.

MR66. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all reports prepared for the Ministers of Finance, including the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, by the Federal/Provincial Committee on Taxation between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998, respecting the tax-on-income proposal.

MR67. Moved by Ms Paul:

Copies of all agreements and amended agreements signed by the Government between January 1, 1990 and January 26, 1998, pertaining to the WESTAIM Initiative.

MR69. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget '98 aired or printed on or before February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

MR70. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget '98 aired or printed after February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR59. Moved by Ms Paul:

Copies of all studies, reports and analyses conducted by or for the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism for the period January 1, 1993, and January 26, 1998 evaluating the mandate and operations of the Alberta Opportunity Company.

MR61. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by or for the Ministry of Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to January 26, 1998, assessing the impact of grain throughput levels and associated factors on the security value and collectability/recovery of the Province's loan to Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR62. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all correspondence exchanged between the Ministries of Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism, and Executive Council, for the period January 1, 1994 to January 26, 1998, relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, and the involvement of the Alberta Treasury Branches in that refinancing.

MR63. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee agreements for the period January 1, 1994, to January 28, 1997, between the Alberta Treasury Branches, T.D. Trust Company, West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., WEM Holdings, and 626110 Alberta Ltd. relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR64. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government Reorganization Secretariat from January 1, 1993 to January 26, 1998, regarding Government streamlining and departmental consolidation, downsizing of the public service, elimination or amalgamation of agencies, boards and commissions, and the privatization, de-regulation, or disposal of Government assets or services.

MR65. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all analyses undertaken by the Ministry of Treasury from January 1, 1996 to January 28, 1998, regarding financial restructuring, work-out or exit options involving projects that have received Government loans or loan guarantees, or in which the Government has taken a shareholder position.

MR68. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

Copies of reports or documents compiled between January 1, 1993 and the present time, showing the location of spawning areas, fish-bearing streams (named and unnamed) entering and exiting the hereinafter named lakes, migrations, seasonal movements and age structures of fish, and the intensity of sport, commercial and domestic fishing, and sizes of catch in Lac La Biche and Elinor, Ethel, Frenchman, Fork, Kehewin, Lodge, Marie, Missawawi, McGuffin, Square and Vincent Lakes in the Northeast Boreal Region of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95, MR96.

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 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

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 204 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 496/98

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Workers' Compensation Board Update dated March 10, 1998, entitled
"Private Member's Bill 204"

Sessional Paper 497/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:18 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998 — 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mrs. Laing

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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 20 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 498/98

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 499/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Thursday, April 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act in such a manner as to make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislature each year, in the Spring and the Fall.

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 Supreme Court of Canada ruling in the Delwin Vriend case in which the Justices unanimously agreed that Alberta's human rights legislation violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by failing to protect the fundamental rights of Albertans on the basis of sexual orientation.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 —
Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated April 2, 1998, entitled "April 6 marked as Tartan Day"
Sessional Paper 500/98

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

Letter dated April 2, 1998, from Robin L. McClung (great-niece of Nellie McClung) to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in regards to Delwin Vriend, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 501/98

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

Supreme Court of Canada decision, dated April 2, 1998, in the matter of Vriend v. Alberta

Sessional Paper 502/98

7 letters dated March 16, 1998 to April 2, 1998, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 503/98

Letter dated March 31, 1998, from Ian T. Kroll, Psychiatrist, to groups affected by the Supreme Court ruling (Vriend v. Alberta), expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and submitting background information regarding sexual orientation public policies

Sessional Paper 504/98

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

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 505/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

20 letters dated March 23 to 31, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 506/98

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

Confidential memorandum, dated March 26, 1998, from Arlene Weldner, Senior Operating Officer, Acute Care Division, Calgary Regional Health Authority, to an undisclosed recipient regarding the approved 3.5% adjustment to salary ranges for management and exempt out-of-scope staff effective April 1, 1998

Sessional Paper 507/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, tabled the following:

Edmonton Journal article dated January 6, 1993, page 5, entitled "Protection for gay rights linked to Klein victory: Promise was made to get vote out, GALA (Gay and Lesbian Awareness Society) says"

Sessional Paper 508/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the April 4 and 5, 1998, Augustana University College Department of Music's performance by J.S. Box Monumental Mass in D Minor in Edmonton and Camrose, and recognizing the musical heritage of Augustana University College.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Alberta labour market environment, and in particular the labour difficulties experienced by health care professionals.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Boundary Commission Anniversary Trail Ride (commemorating the 1870 expedition to establish the 49th parallel border) to be completed July 25, 1998, and extending an invitation to the Fort Macleod celebration.

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 6 to April 9, 1998:

Monday, April 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 34, 35, 37, 38, 21, 40
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders/ Private Bills
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills Pr1, Pr2, Pr4, 23, 28, 33, 36, 24, 27
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, April 7 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders/
Private Bills**
- Third Reading**
Bills Pr1, Pr2, Pr4
And as per Order Paper
- Second Reading**
Bill 40
- Committee of the Whole**
Bill 27
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of the Whole**
Bills 2, 27
And as per Order Paper,
based on progress Monday,
and in consultation with
the Opposition parties
- Wednesday, April 8 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of the Whole**
Bills 25, 27
And as per Order Paper,
based on progress Monday
and Tuesday, and in consultation
with the Opposition parties
- Thursday, April 9 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Second Reading or**
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
And as per Order Paper,
based on progress Monday,
Tuesday, and Wednesday;
and in consultation with
the Opposition parties

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 public importance, namely the Supreme Court of Canada ruling in the Delwin Vriend case in which the Justices unanimously agreed that Alberta's human rights legislation violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by failing to protect the fundamental rights of Albertans on the basis of sexual orientation.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands; Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act,
1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers 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 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, April 6, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 6, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 325 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 214 Edmonton and area residents regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause".

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

From Ideas to Action: Response from the Government of Alberta to the Alberta Growth Summit, dated April 1998

Sessional Paper 509/98

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 1997-98

Sessional Paper 510/98

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR56 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 25, 1998:

Copies of all lease agreements from January 1, 1989 until present between the Caritas Health Group and Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services regarding the Edmonton General Hospital.

Sessional Paper 511/98

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

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta (CGA), Annual Report 1997, entitled "Leaders in Business"

Sessional Paper 512/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 20, 1998, from Jim Backus, President, Fairview and District Chamber of Commerce, to Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, expressing concern regarding the proposed privatization of local parks and recreation areas

Sessional Paper 513/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated April 1, 1998, from E. Michael Higgins, Chair, PICA (Public Institutional Consumers of Alberta), to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing general support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, but expressing concern regarding the proposed termination of benefits to customers from existing regulated generating units in the year 2020

Sessional Paper 514/98

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Responses to questions raised on March 30, 1998, during Second reading debate of Bill 28, Drainage Districts Act

Sessional Paper 515/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Active Living for Health and Well-being: Towards an Active and Prosperous Alberta, the Health and Well-being Advantage, prepared by the Alberta Active Living Task Force, dated February 1998

Sessional Paper 516/98

News release dated April 6, 1998, entitled "Government releases new strategies to encourage active living for Albertans," with attached backgrounder detailing the Status of Alberta Active Living Task Force recommendations

Sessional Paper 517/98

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

Letter undated from Gay Edmonds-Lang to Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998, and expressing support for complementary medicine as a necessary form of health care

Sessional Paper 518/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Midwifery Regional Implementation Committee: Report of the Working Group on Midwifery Remuneration, dated June 1997

Sessional Paper 519/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated December 18, 1997, from C.B. Sikstrom, Imperial Oil, to Mr. John Roux regarding water re-sampling results detailing a dissolved arsenic concentration above the maximum acceptable concentration level recommended by "Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality"

Sessional Paper 520/98

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Paul Wacko, health care advocate.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: 16 graduates of the YWCA's Bridges for Women Program, March 27, 1998.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: Thomas Arnott Ballingal Spear, 101 year old Albertan.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Joan Charbonneau, recipient of the Alberta Association for Community Living's Integration Award.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Tartan Day, April 6, 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Ringette Championship, April 5 to 11, 1998, held in Edmonton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Letter dated September 4, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Dr. L.R. Ohlhauser, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility and accreditation

Sessional Paper 521/98

Letter dated September 26, 1997, from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister, Department of Health, to Dr. L.R. Ohlhauser, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the designation of health facilities as “approved hospitals” as related to the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility

Sessional Paper 522/98

Fact sheet dated March 17, 1997, regarding Health Resource Group Incorporated (HRG), prepared by the Health Policy Division, Department of Health

Sessional Paper 523/98

Resolutions of the Council of the CPSA (College of Physicians and Surgeons), and in particular the resolution regarding the provision of services involving overnight stays, to presently be interpreted as “hospital services” under the Hospitals Act

Sessional Paper 524/98

Letter dated June 26, 1997, from B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility and accreditation

Sessional Paper 525/98

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: 41

Black	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Herard	Oberg
Cao	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Johnson	Renner
Clegg	Jonson	Severtson
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Day	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Laing	Stevens
Evans	Langevin	Tannas
Fischer	Lougheed	Thurber
Forsyth	Magnus	Woloshyn
Friedel	Mar	Yankowsky
Fritz	Marz	

Against the motion: 12

Barrett	Gibbons	Pannu
Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	White
Dickson	Olsen	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/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 Bills were reported:

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 526/98

Amendment to Bill 23 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on March 31, 1998) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 527/98

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 528/98

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Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 529/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 530/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 531/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,593 Albertans requesting an election of the Board members of the Regional Health Authorities during the 1998 municipal elections.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 125 Cold Lake and area residents requesting a review of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, section 33(9), which prevents public disclosure of Environmental Protection Orders.

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 8, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76,
 WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82,
 WQ83.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 532/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report October 3, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 533/98

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

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1996-97, for the year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 534/98

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report of Production and Sales 1996-97, for the dairy year ended July 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 535/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on February 11, 1998:

What are the yearly projections for upside interest accruing to the Province of Alberta from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 1997-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and CIC Industrial Interests Inc.?

Sessional Paper 536/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ4 asked for by Mr. White on February 11, 1998:

What was the rate of deficient applications for routine facility applications submitted to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 - January 27, 1998?

Sessional Paper 537/98

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

4 blank postcards entitled "Private for-profit health care! We want a Royal Commission to examine the privatization of our health care system," to be submitted to Prime Minister Chrétien, Minister Allan Rock, Premier Ralph Klein, Minister Halvar Jonson

Sessional Paper 538/98

Edmonton-Glenora Constituency Report, summary of contacts received to April 7, 1998, regarding the Supreme Court of Canada Vriend decision and inclusion of sexual orientation into Alberta legislation

Sessional Paper 539/98

Letter dated March 24, 1998, from Rabbi Yafah L. bat Joseph, Temple Beth Ora Congregation, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, and also the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation, with attached letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and report dated March 13, 1998, entitled "Notwithstanding - the Golden Calf"

Sessional Paper 540/98

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

9 amendments dated April 7, 1998, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 541/98

Letter dated April 6, 1998, from Rev. Dr. George H. Rodgers, Executive Secretary, United Church of Canada, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Members of the Liberal Caucus, expressing support by the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada for inclusion of protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 542/98

Maternal-Newborn Regional Program: Report of the Working Group on Pregnancy Termination, dated July 1996, prepared by the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA) Regional Programs, Maternal-Newborn Design Committee

Sessional Paper 543/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Amendment dated March 25, 1998, regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 544/98

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

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 a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with an amendment:

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

As part of this report, I will be filing copies of the amendment proposed to this Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

Sessional Paper 545/98

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, made a statement in recognition of Paul Wacko, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce President's Northern Light Award recipient who passed away April 1, 1998, recognizing his contribution to the city of Edmonton through numerous community efforts.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding Canada's constitutional history from 1867 through to the 1982 repatriation, the role of an independent judiciary, and the appropriate use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause."

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement in recognition of Stu Hart, Alberta Sport Hall of Fame member, and his community efforts to promote wrestling and sport.

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 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Marz (as amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work in partnership with the Federal Government and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to review federal and provincial *strategies that address unwanted pregnancies and the related issues of teen pregnancies, abortions and the waiting lists for adoptions, and; examine the factors contributing to and means of improving upon the outcomes of these strategies.*

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

511. Moved by Ms Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strongly encourage the Federal Government to move the drug flunitrazepam (Rohypnol) and its related drug family from Schedule 4 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to Schedule 1 in light of its use as a sedative to render a person unconscious for the purpose of sexual assault; properly educate the general public, targeting high school and post-secondary students, about its effects, and the need to seek medical and police attention if it is believed they were a victim of an assault; provide detailed information about this drug to travellers leaving Canada for destinations where this drug is currently legal; and work cooperatively with other governments to ban the use, distribution, and manufacture of this drug.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Forsyth speaking.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act,
1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the 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 Bills:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

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 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned

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Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 547/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and commit never to use the “notwithstanding clause,” or any other means, to override the fundamental human rights of Albertans.

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

Your petitioners pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to review Section 33, clause (9), of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act which prevents disclosure to the public, information which relates to Environmental Protection Orders, and amend this section of the said Act to allow full disclosures prior to a public hearing.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Bruce Ross, President, Edmonton Ringette Club, offering congratulations on hosting the 1998 National Ringette Championship in Edmonton, April 5 to 11, 1998

Sessional Paper 548/98

Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program 1997, A Youth Volunteer Recognition Program: Final Report on the Daishowa-Marubeni International Limited, Peace River Pulp Division, High Level Forest Products Limited, Brewster Construction Limited Sponsored Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program, prepared by Del Harbourne, Director, Wild Rose Foundation, dated February 1998

Sessional Paper 549/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Fact sheet entitled "Has seismic activity contaminated Alberta's water supply" prepared by Tony Nichols, Chairman, Alberta Surface Rights Federation (ASRF)

Sessional Paper 550/98

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

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation or other basis of discrimination

Sessional Paper 551/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation or other basis of discrimination

Sessional Paper 552/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Eighth Annual Report 1997, for the calendar year ending December 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 553/98

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

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Mary Ellen Rajotte, Chair, Seniors Community Health Council, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and requesting public consultation prior to proceeding

Sessional Paper 554/98

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

News release dated April 3, 1998, entitled "Sexual Orientation and Discrimination: The Catholic Church's Position," prepared by Archbishop Joseph MacNeil, Catholic Pastoral Centre, and Dr. Paul Flaman, St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 555/98

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

Fact sheet entitled "Physician's Oath — Hippocrates"

Sessional Paper 556/98

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Andrew Beauchamp, Alberta's Sea Cadet of 1998.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Joseph's Parish, 100th anniversary to be celebrated May 2, 1998.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Lurana Shelter for victims of family violence.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association (SEESA).

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Carma Developers, 40th anniversary and establishment of the Carma Centre of Excellence in Home Building and Development.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Fourth anniversary of Our Voice, a non-profit newspaper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ71. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$2,044,543 in write-offs under the Export Guarantee Program, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

WQ72. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What was the total budget in the 1995-96 and in the 1996-97 financial years for each of the following programs: Fisheries Habitat Development Program, Fisheries Management Enhancement Program, the Fish Stocking Program, the Wildlife Habitat Development Program, the Wildlife Management Enhancement Program, and the Report-a-Poacher Program?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ73. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What was the total cost to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks between April 1, 1987 and March 31, 1988, and between April 1, 1997 to date; what was the total revenue brought in through campground and other fees in each year and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to maintain the campgrounds or other services?

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

What *were the costs* to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks *in each fiscal year between 1992/93 and 1997/98 inclusive*; what was the total revenue brought in through *camping and related fees in each park in each fiscal year* and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to *operate* the campgrounds?

WQ74. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, *by individual Ministry*, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

WQ75. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," by individual borrower, under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 12, page 20?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 12, page 20?

WQ76. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances by individual borrower, under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

WQ77. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans, by individual entity or borrower, under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

WQ80. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

WQ81. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ78. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$10 million classified as "Other" under the \$101 million provision for losses, doubtful accounts, loans, guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 3, page 36?

WQ79. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$7 million classified as "Other" under the \$89 million allowance for doubtful loans, advances, implemented guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 8, page 39?

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: 8

Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Paul	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Sapers	

Against the motion: 42

Black	Herard	O'Neill
Broda	Hierath	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Kryczka	Strang
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Tarchuk
Fischer	Lougheed	Taylor
Fritz	Lund	Thurber
Gordon	Marz	Trynchy
Graham	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Yankowsky

WQ82. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$256.5 million in write-offs under the Alberta Treasury Branches, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 218?

WQ83. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.505 million provision for impairment in value of mortgage assets, by individual mortgage, held by N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd. as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 10, page 222?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ92, WQ93.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95, MR96.

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 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Mary J. Cameron, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, detailing the WCB's position and plan of action with respect to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 557/98

Debate continued.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Second Reading

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

Bill 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

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.

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

Barrett	Gibbons	Sapers
Blakeman	Mitchell	Soetaert
Bonner	Paul	Zwozdesky
Dickson		

Against the motion: 34

Broda	Klapstein	Paszkowski
Burgener	Kryczka	Renner
Calahasen	Laing	Shariff
Cardinal	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lougheed	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	Strang
Doerksen	Marz	Tannas
Ducharme	McClellan	Tarchuk
Fritz	McFarland	Thurber
Graham	Melchin	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	West
Jonson		

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

Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Dr. Taylor, Acting Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:25 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

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 Pr3 (Hon. Member for Little Bow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 558/98

Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 559/98

Amendment to Bill 27 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Calder on April 7, 1998) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 561/98

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Agreed to
to
Sessional Paper 562/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Explanatory notes and comments regarding proposed House Amendments
to Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998
Sessional Paper 560/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Thursday, April 9, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 47 Edmonton residents regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause."

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

22 letters dated April 2 to 8, 1998, from Albertans to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 563/98

357 letters dated April 2 to 8, 1998, from Albertans to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing support for the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 564/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Options for Market Power Mitigation in the Alberta Power Pool: Final Report, prepared for the Alberta Department of Energy by London Economics, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, dated January 1998

Sessional Paper 565/98

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 1997: Including the Report of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund

Sessional Paper 566/98

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-2.5, s15(2):

Banff Centre Foundation, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 567/98

University of Alberta 1991 Foundation, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 568/98

University of Calgary Foundation, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 569/98

University of Lethbridge Foundation, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 570/98

Public Colleges Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 571/98

Athabasca University Foundation, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 572/98

Technical Institutes Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements March 31, 1997, prepared by Deloitte and Touche Chartered Accountants

Sessional Paper 573/98

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

Memorandum dated April 9, 1998, from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister, Executive Council, and Jim Dixon, Public Service Commissioner, to all Deputy Ministers regarding the Management Rewards Strategy initiative

Sessional Paper 574/98

Compensation for Alberta Government Senior Officials: Final Report, dated April 8, 1998, with attached news release dated April 9, 1998, entitled "Committee Releases Report on Salaries for Provincial Government Deputy Ministers"

Sessional Paper 575/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

University of Calgary 1997 Community Report entitled "New directions now"
Sessional Paper 576/98

Alberta Workers' Compensation Act Appeals Commission, Annual Report 1996
and 1997

Sessional Paper 577/98

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

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, expressing gratitude for their kindness and good wishes during his hospital stay

Sessional Paper 578/98

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 579/98

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, detailing calls received expressing support or opposition to the Supreme Court of Canada ruling regarding the inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation, with attached 11 letters received

Sessional Paper 580/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

35 letters dated March 31, 1998 to April 8, 1998, from Albertans to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for the inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation and expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause"

Sessional Paper 581/98

Summary sheet of letters and calls received expressing support or opposition to the Supreme Court of Canada ruling regarding the inclusion of sexual orientation into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 582/98

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

Letter dated April 1, 1998, from a Hepatitis C victim to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the decision by the Federal Government to compensate only victims infected between 1986 to 1990

Sessional Paper 583/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Alberta Electrical Industry Restructuring: Technical Discussion Paper Series, Category - Deregulation, Title - Definitions: Residual Benefit and Stranded Cost, Deregulation of Generation, Created - January 14, 1998, Last Revised - January 21, 1998

Sessional Paper 584/98

Graph entitled "Value Captured Through Generation Contracts," depicting stranded cost, residual benefits base life, residual benefits life extension, and net total of value captured by 2020 and value remaining

Sessional Paper 585/98

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

Petitions and letters received in support for the implementation of Reeve Frank Stowkowski and Smoky Lake Council's motion to approve a total systems evaluation assessment of the County of Smoky Lake

Sessional Paper 586/98

Letter dated March 10, 1998, from Douglas Dahl, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing opposition to the process for buying hunting and fishing licenses

Sessional Paper 587/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement in recognition of Mr. Mitchell's final day as Leader of the Official Opposition, and offering recognition of his role as Leader of the Liberal Party, and offering best wishes for future endeavors.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement expressing gratitude for the Premier's comments, the Speaker's exemplary role, and the support given by the Liberal Caucus and his family.

Members' Statements

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing the family of Jim Wong's 101st anniversary since immigrating to Alberta.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding National Wildlife Week, April 5 to 11, 1998, and the need for protection of natural resources, habitat, and endangered species.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement offering congratulations to J.R. Shaw, Canadian Business Hall of Fame inductee, and the role of Shaw Communications Incorporated programs.

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 20 to April 23, 1998:

Monday, April 20	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 35, 39, 41, 21, 38 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 25, 35, 39, 41, 21, 38, 27 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 21	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 20, 23, 28, 29, 30, 33, 36, 24, 13 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 2, 37, 27
Wednesday, April 22	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper, based on progress Monday and Tuesday, and in consultation with the Opposition parties

Thursday, April 23

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Committee of the Whole

As per Order Paper, based on progress Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; and in consultation with the Opposition parties

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 —
Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act,
1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 6 agreed to by the Assembly on February 3, 1998, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until Monday, April 20, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 20, 1998

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3), and Alberta Regulation 286/94:

Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 588/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ1 asked for by Ms Carlson on February 18, 1998:

Between *April 1, 1995* and December 31, 1997, how many *public complaints were received by Pollution Control Division* about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many *investigations* were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

Sessional Paper 589/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on February 18, 1998:

How many *staff, including permanent and wage, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection, Land and Forest Service*, on January 1, 1993, and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 590/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR7 asked for by Ms Carlson on February 18, 1998:

A copy of any surveys conducted by or for the Government between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, to assess the public's reaction to the environment and government environmental policies, showing the questions asked, the manner in which the survey was conducted and the results.

Sessional Paper 591/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR55 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on March 25, 1998:

Copies of all invoices issued to the Government, or its agents, for the purchase of any and all video lottery terminals (VLTs) since January 1, 1992.

Sessional Paper 592/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 20, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Josephina Crow Shoe offering congratulations on receiving a National Aboriginal Achievement Award

Sessional Paper 593/98

International Association for Volunteer Effort - IAVE'98 World Volunteer Conference, Volunteer Rally Program, Monday, April 20, 1998, Legislature Rotunda, with lyrics of official song by Janice Flower entitled "It Makes a Difference"

Sessional Paper 594/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Provincial Accountability Framework for Child and Family Services, dated April 1998, prepared by the Department of Family and Social Services

Sessional Paper 595/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from J.G. Leighton, Central Alberta Grazing Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding privatization of brand inspections as proposed in Bill 41, Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 596/98

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

Fax to Tom Arnold from Mr. Harold A Swanson, MD, regarding the Ralph Klein Memorial Hospital dedication, date: Monday, April 20, 1998, time: 11:00 a.m., location: corner of 8th Street and 1st Avenue N.E., the site of the old General Hospital

Sessional Paper 597/98

Petition signed by 15 Edmonton and St. Albert residents expressing opposition to any attempts to limit human rights on the basis of gender, ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the creation of an elected judiciary

Sessional Paper 598/98

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Dr. Brenda Mann, Psychologist, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause"

Sessional Paper 599/98

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Mary Ellen Rajotte, Chair, Seniors Community Health Council, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 37, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 600/98

Letter dated March 20, 1998, from Josie M. Wilson, M.D., President, Calgary Regional Medical Staff Association, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for an election of members to the Regional Health Authority Boards

Sessional Paper 601/98

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

Memorandum dated April 17, 1998, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 212, Amusements Amendment Act, 1998, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, as soon as House business will allow

Sessional Paper 602/98

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

Letter dated April 5, 1998, from Martha Doxsey to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause"

Sessional Paper 603/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25, 1998; the Volunteer Spirit Day Rally, April 20, 1998; and the contribution of volunteers to communities.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

Memorandum dated April 2, 1998, from Bruce M. Duffin, Director, Natural Resource Service, Recreation and Protected Areas Division, Alberta Environmental Protection, to Regional Directors and District Managers, Natural Resources Service, regarding interim operation of parks and recreation areas
Sessional Paper 604/98

Recognitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Jack and Gladys McLay, square dancing competitors celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 82nd anniversary of the April 19, 1916, passage of the Women's Suffrage Act, and celebrating women elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Syncrude Canada's billionth barrel of tar sands oil production.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Ronald Harvey Elementary School's grade six students completing the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program April 16, 1998.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25, 1998, and two recipients receiving heart donations.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Millwoods Welcome Centre providing services to newcomers for assistance with settlement.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints Hockey Team, 1998 Alberta Junior Hockey League champions.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1998

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 —
Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:17 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1998 — 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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 25 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General on April 8, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 605/98

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 608/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 609/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the documents tabled by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Letter dated April 17, 1998, from Peter Freeman, Q.C., Secretary, Law Society of Alberta, to Rod Wacowich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice, in response to request for input regarding Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 and proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 606/98

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from J.A. (Jim) Bancroft, Q.C., President, Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch, to Rod Wacowich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice, expressing support for Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 and proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 607/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 1,702 constituents expressing support for invoking the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to exclude sexual orientation from the Alberta Bill of Rights.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 260 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 114 Albertans regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause."

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 54 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from 342 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 26 Albertans regarding access through the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List to Betaseron, Rebif and Copaxone drug therapies for treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and commit never to use the "notwithstanding clause," or any other means, to override the fundamental human rights of Albertans.

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 move immediately to elect the Boards of Alberta's Regional Health Authorities. We further urge that the elections take place in all Regional Health Authorities during the 1998 municipal elections.

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 22, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ92, WQ93.

Motions for Returns: MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89,
MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Petition signed by 1,210 Peace River, Grimshaw, Fairview and area residents expressing concern regarding privatization initiatives involving parks and recreation areas

Sessional Paper 610/98

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

Responses to questions and comments raised during Second reading debate of Bill 35, Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 611/98

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

Fact sheet entitled "Why do we need a Royal Commission of the privatization of Canada's medicare system?"

Sessional Paper 612/98

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

Notices of a Written Question and a Motion for Returns submitted by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 613/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

5 letters dated April 16 to 20, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care (sample of over 500 letters received)

Sessional Paper 614/98

199 postcards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 615/98

181 postcards addressed to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 616/98

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

Letter dated April 21, 1998, from Phylis Matousek, Chair, S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team) and a member of the Coalition for Medicare, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care, with attached article entitled "For Our Patients, Not for Profits: A Call to Action" published in JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association), volume 278, number 21, December 3, 1997, and a May 30, 1997 Wall Street Journal article

Sessional Paper 617/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 21, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Cathy Borst offering congratulations on winning the bronze medal on April 20, 1998 at the World Curling Championships

Sessional Paper 618/98

Letter dated April 21, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Frank King, President, Metropolitan Investment Corporation, offering congratulations for being awarded the Canadian Olympic Order for his efforts as Chair of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games held in Calgary

Sessional Paper 619/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement recognizing Mrs. Gwen Hooks, author receiving the Black Achievement Award for stories of Keystone, Alberta (now Breton) settlers published in the book "Keystone Legacy: Recollections of a Black Settler."

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement in support for domestic violence legislative initiatives: Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act (24th Legislature, 4th Session); and Bill 19, Protection Against Family Violence Act, of the current legislative Session now at Third reading.

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25, 1998, and the important role of those involved in organ donation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Speaker's Ruling — Duplication of Bills (Bill 214 and Bill 35)

As this is the time in the business of the House to address Private Members' Bills, the Chair would like to make a statement concerning Bill 214, Post-Secondary Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, which is sponsored by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods. In essence this Bill attempts to place a limit on the amount that can be charged for tuition fees under three Acts which is the object of Bill 35, Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998. Bill 35 received Second reading on April 9, 1998 and Bill 214 has not yet come up for debate at Second reading.

It is a well-established principle of parliaments that the same question is not to be raised twice during the same Session. Beauchesne's (sixth edition) is quite clear on this subject at paragraph 653 where it is stated:

"There is no rule or custom which restrains the presentation of two or more bills related to the same subject, and containing similar provisions. But if a decision of the House has already been taken on one such bill, for example, if the bill has been given or refused a second reading, the other is not proceeded with if it contains substantially the same provisions."

This section of Beauchesne's has been relied on by former Speakers of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to rule Bills out of order at Second reading on October 15, 1973 and October 26, 1994.

Members are also referred to Erskine May (21st edition) at pages 468-470 which outlines the historical evolution since 1610 of the prohibition against two Bills on the same subject.

Accordingly, Bill 214 will not proceed to debate at Second reading and will be removed from the Order Paper.

The Chair would also like to remind Members that the principle prohibiting the same matter from being debated twice during the same Session applies to all Bills. Accordingly, the situation could arise some day where a decision on a Private Member's Bill at Second reading could affect a Government Bill.

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 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon

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

Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Ms Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strongly encourage the Federal Government to move the drug flunitrazepam (Rohypnol) and its related drug family from Schedule 4 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to Schedule 1 in light of its use as a sedative to render a person unconscious for the purpose of sexual assault; properly educate the general public, targeting high school and post-secondary students, about its effects, and the need to seek medical and police attention if it is believed they were a victim of an assault; provide detailed information about this drug to travellers leaving Canada for destinations where this drug is currently legal; and work cooperatively with other governments to ban the use, distribution, and manufacture of this drug.

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, tabled the following:

Brochure entitled "Sexual Assault and Drug Misuse," prepared by Hoffmann-La Roche Limited in collaboration with the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto and Ontario Network of Sexual Assault Care and Treatment Centres
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Debate continued.

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

At 4:18 p.m. Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Third reading of Government Bills and Orders.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier
- Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing
- Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Speaker's Statement — Title changes within the Official Opposition

The Speaker advised the Members of the Legislative Assembly that pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, section 47, effective immediately Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, would be titled the "Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition." As well Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, would assume the position of Official Opposition House Leader, effective immediately.

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 Bills were reported:

- Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford
- Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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 35 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on April 20, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 621/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 622/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 623/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 624/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 625/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 626/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 153 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 15 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Registries: Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated April 15, 1998, prepared by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 627/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, c0-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 628/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Tololwa Mollel, President, Writers Guild of Alberta, expressing support for Canada Book Day, April 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 629/98

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Pat Reid, President, Book Publishers Association of Alberta, expressing support for Canada Book Day, April 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 630/98

Information bulletin dated April 22, 1998, entitled "Albertans urged to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day" to be held on April 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 631/98

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 1997

Sessional Paper 632/98

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

Bond no. 71-22661, bond amount \$30,000,000.00 or as specified on the date and times indicated, involving Bovar Technology Ltd., Axa Pacific Insurance Company, and the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, dated July 12, 1996

Sessional Paper 633/98

Letter dated December 31, 1995, from Bovar Technology Ltd. to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Chairman, Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation (ASWMC), excerpt pages 1, 6 and 7 regarding 542936 Alberta Ltd. and the sharing of operating profits

Sessional Paper 634/98

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

25 letters from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 635/98

60 photocopied postcards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 636/98

60 photocopied postcards addressed to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 637/98

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

Program overview of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program

Sessional Paper 638/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

4 amendments dated March 25, 1998 to April 1, 1998, regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 639/98

Letter dated April 16, 1998, from Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 640/98

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Craighton O. Twa, President and Chief Operating Officer, Atco Group (Atco Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited), to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, with attached background letters

Sessional Paper 641/98

Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 letters dated April 21 to 22, 1998, from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 642/98

Edmonton-Glenora Constituency Report summarizing responses received between April 20 to 22, 1998, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 643/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

3 amendments dated April 21 to 22, 1998, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 644/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Edmonton-Riverview Constituency Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 645/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 16, 1998, from Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 646/98

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Lisa Jensen-Hengstler and Paul Hengstler to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 647/98

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

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 648/98

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated April 21, 1998, from Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 213, School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Sessional Paper 649/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Wm. D. McFetridge, Chair, Board of Management, Alberta and Northwest Territories Division, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the cancellation of the seniors education component of service programs due to lack of funding

Sessional Paper 650/98

Recognitions

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 20th anniversary of the Alberta Conservation Tillage Society (ACTS).

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: 20th anniversary of the Northgate Seniors' Centre.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Leaders of Tomorrow Award nominees and recipients.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Canadian cadet Kimberly Preston, member of the 1998 Cadet Honour Band.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Mr. Dave Tuccaro, President, National Aboriginal Business Association.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Mr. Dave Thiele, 1998 Jim Shewcuk Award recipient.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Evening to Remember Charity Fashion Show held April 18, 1998 in Lacombe.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Written Questions appearing on today's Order Paper stand and retain their places with the exception of Written Questions WQ92 and WQ93. 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: 58

Amery	Haley	Olsen
Barrett	Hancock	Pannu
Black	Havelock	Paszkowski
Bonner	Jacques	Paul
Boutilier	Johnson	Pham
Broda	Jonson	Renner
Burgener	Klapstein	Severtson
Cao	Kryczka	Shariff
Cardinal	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Langevin	Soetaert
Coutts	MacDonald	Stelmach
Dickson	Magnus	Strang
Doerksen	Mar	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Marz	Thurber
Dunford	Massey	Trynchy
Forsyth	McClellan	West
Friedel	Mitchell	White
Fritz	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Gordon	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Graham		

Against the motion: 0

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ93. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the explanation for the drop in royalties from synthetic crude oil and bitumen from \$512 million in the 1996-97 fiscal year to \$50 million in the 1998-99 fiscal year (Government Estimates 1998-99); how much of this drop off is due to anticipated lower prices and how much is due to the capital write-off provisions of the Transition Agreements and the Generic Royalty terms?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ92. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What are the costs and benefits, detailed item-by-item and program-by-program, for the Ministries of Labour and Municipal Affairs accruing to Albertans as a result of the privatization and contracting out of Government services since 1993?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR87. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all approved three-to-five-year strategic plans prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all approved three-to-five-year strategic plans *that are publicly available* prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998.

MR88. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

A breakdown of the \$1.257 million in expenditures contained under Vote 3.1.4 Project Management/Transition, Department of Treasury, 1995/96 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 113, providing a breakdown of expenditures on consulting services, an identification of each fee-for-service contractor, and the nature of the project engaged in by fee-for-service contractors.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

A breakdown of the \$1.196 million in expenditures contained under Vote 3.1.4 Project Management/Transition, Department of Treasury, 1995/96 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 113, providing a breakdown of expenditures on consulting services, an identification of each fee-for-service contractor, and the nature of the project engaged in by fee-for-service contractors.

MR89. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and amended schedules of MOUs between the Government and the Al-Pac joint venture and the joint venture partners for the period January 1, 1989 to January 26, 1998, setting out the obligations and commitments of the Government and the joint venture/joint venture partners to construct and operate a kraft pulp mill and paper mill.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Summaries of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and amended schedules of MOUs between the Government and the Al-Pac joint venture and the joint venture partners for the period January 1, 1989 to January 26, 1998, setting out the obligations and commitments of the Government and the joint venture/joint venture partners to construct and operate a kraft pulp mill and paper mill.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR84. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

Copies of all analyses of Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and analyses of circumstances for invocation of Section 33 prepared by or for the Government in the last year with respect to the possible application of Section 33 by the Government.

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: 9

Dickson	Mitchell	Paul
MacDonald	Olsen	Soetaert
Massey	Pannu	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 38

Black	Herard	Paszkowski
Broda	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Jacques	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Kryczka	Shariff
Clegg	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Mar	Thurber
Friedel	Marz	Trynchy
Fritz	McClellan	West
Graham	Melchin	Yankowsky
Haley	Oberg	

MR85. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by the Ministry of Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period January 1, 1996 to January 26, 1998, underlying the monitoring of guarantees provided to Canadian Airlines International Ltd., Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc., Centre for Frontier Engineering Research, Pocaterra Development Corporation, and North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd.

MR86. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by the Ministry of Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period January 1, 1996 to January 26, 1998, underlying the monitoring of loans provided to Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc., Centennial Food Corporation, and Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR90. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all forensic audit reports prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches for the period January 1, 1995 to January 26, 1998, relating to allegations of inappropriate business practices at the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR91. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

A breakdown of the \$408.171 million in guarantees by borrower provided by the Alberta Treasury Branches Deposits Fund as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 240.

MR94. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Copies of all documents, studies, reports, projections, or analyses from each Ministry from January 1, 1992 to the present supporting the Government's conclusion that it would be to the taxpayers' advantage to provide most Government computing services through outsourcing by privatization or contracting out.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR94 (debate adjourned), MR95, MR96.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Day 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 Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate. The question being put, with Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Black	Herard	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Magnus	Stelmach
Day	Marz	Strang
Doerksen	McClellan	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Melchin	Thurber
Haley	O'Neill	West
Hancock	Oberg	

Against the motion: 13

Bonner	Mitchell	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	White
MacDonald	Pannu	Zwozdesky
Massey		

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

28. Hon. Mrs. Black, on behalf of 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 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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

For the motion: 32

Black	Herard	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Magnus	Stelmach
Day	Marz	Strang
Doerksen	McClellan	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Melchin	Thurber
Haley	O'Neill	West
Hancock	Oberg	

Against the motion: 13

Bonner	Mitchell	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	White
MacDonald	Pannu	Zwozdesky
Massey		

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, as found in Sessional Paper 651/98, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:03 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to, with Mr. Shariff in the Chair. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Black	Herard	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Magnus	Stelmach
Day	Marz	Strang
Doerksen	McClellan	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Melchin	Thurber
Haley	O'Neill	West
Hancock	Oberg	

Against the motion: 10

Bonner	Mitchell	Pannu
Dickson	Nicol	Sapers
Leibovici	Olsen	White
Massey		

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, Dr. Nicol, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:17 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, be reported, which was agreed to, with Mr. Shariff in the Chair. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Black	Herard	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Magnus	Stelmach
Day	Marz	Strang
Doerksen	McClellan	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Melchin	Thurber
Haley	O'Neill	West
Hancock	Oberg	

Against the motion: 10

Bonner	Mitchell	Pannu
Dickson	Nicol	Sapers
Leibovici	Olsen	White
Massey		

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, 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 27 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on April 7, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 651/98

Third Reading

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

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

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, the Assembly adjourned at 12:37 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,368 Albertans regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition regarding the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Response to Written Question No. WQ5 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on February 25, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.7 million provision for loss for the estimated costs of lease obligations in excess of estimated sublease revenues by specific property held by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, notes 13 and 14, pages 191-192?

Sessional Paper 652/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ26 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, by individual borrower, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

Sessional Paper 653/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ35 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

Sessional Paper 654/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ36 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

Sessional Paper 655/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ50 asked for by Ms Paul on March 25, 1998:

How many accounts make up the \$9.63 million in impaired loans and what was the maximum amount of any impaired loan held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

Sessional Paper 656/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ51 asked for by Ms Paul on March 25, 1998:

How many accounts make up the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable and what was the maximum amount of any specific allowance for loss on loans held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

Sessional Paper 657/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question No. WQ93 asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 22, 1998:

What is the explanation for the drop in royalties from synthetic crude oil and bitumen from \$512 million in the 1996-97 fiscal year to \$50 million in the 1998-99 fiscal year (Government Estimates 1998-99); how much of this drop off is due to anticipated lower prices and how much is due to the capital write-off provisions of the Transition Agreements and the Generic Royalty terms?

Sessional Paper 658/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 3, 1998 and March 17, 1998, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 659/98

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Expense claims relating to allowances, temporary residences, mileage, travel, and committee fees of each Government Member for the year ending March 31, 1997
Sessional Paper 660/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Petition signed by 266 County of Vermilion River No. 24 residents expressing opposition to the issuance of a permit to Paradise Pork Farms to construct a hog barn in the Paradise Valley area
Sessional Paper 661/98

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

WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 662/98

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Fax dated April 20, 1998, from C. Winhold for Dennis Jones, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) Southern Alberta Addictions Services, to Christina Gynna Oguz, Chair, Demand Reduction Section, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, regarding 14 recommendations entitled "The Vision From Banff" made at the Youth Conference, April 1998, held in Banff
Sessional Paper 663/98

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

VLT (Video Lottery Terminal) Toll: The Klein Government's Systematic Siphoning of Money Out of Local Communities and Economies, dated April 1998, prepared by the VLT Information Project, Alberta Liberal Official Opposition
Sessional Paper 664/98

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

Letter dated April 15, 1998, from Gladys Michaud, President, Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care
Sessional Paper 665/98

Letter dated March 10, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Larry Phillips, President, Alberta Branch, Consumers' Association of Canada, expressing support for formal public hearings regarding the implications of private for-profit health care, with attached background letters

Sessional Paper 666/98

Letter dated April 15, 1998, from M. Meneely to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 667/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 21, 1998, from Mrs. Joan Dobek, excerpt pages 3 and 4, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 668/98

Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Debbie Hart to Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 669/98

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

Office of the Ombudsman, 31st Annual Report for the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 670/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, made a statement regarding "Talk About It Day," April 23, 1998, of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25, 1998, and the important role of those involved in organ donations to discuss their personal decisions regarding organ transplantation.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the international youth drug abuse prevention forum held in Banff entitled "Youth Vision Jeunesse," cosponsored by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning for Injured Workers, April 28, 1998, and expressing concern regarding the need for government responsibility to ensure safe workplaces.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court ruling in the Delwin Vriend case, and the need to support individual rights of freedom of speech, moral values, traditional family values, and Christian principles.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Nicol, 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 April 27 to April 30, 1998:

Monday, April 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 38, 40
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 38, 40
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 38, 40
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 38, 40
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, April 28 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 45, 43
Committee of the Whole
Bill 43
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bills 38, 40
Third Reading
Bills 38, 40
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 29 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 43
Committee of the Whole
Bills 38, 40
Third Reading
Bills 38, 40
And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, April 30 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bills 38, 40
Third Reading
Bills 38, 40
And 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 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

29. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, April 22, 1998, Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

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: 35

Amery	Evans	Marz
Black	Fischer	McClellan
Broda	Friedel	Melchin
Burgener	Fritz	O'Neill
Calahasen	Haley	Pham
Cao	Hancock	Shariff
Cardinal	Herard	Stelmach
Clegg	Hlady	Strang
Day	Klapstein	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Dunford	Magnus	

Against the motion: 11

Barrett	Pannu	Soetaert
Bonner	Paul	White
MacDonald	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Olsen	Sloan	

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 29 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:32 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Monday, April 27, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 17 Calgary residents regarding access through the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List to Betaseron, Rebif and Copaxone drug therapies for treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 125 Albertans regarding support for the continued provision of an affordable and high quality post-secondary education system.

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 support quality, affordable child care options for all Alberta families, regardless of income. We also petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reverse its decision eliminating operating allowances to child care centres and to instead bring forth a funding formula which will enhance quality child care and keep daycare fees affordable for low income and middle income families.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day (Oral notice having been given Thursday, April 23, 1998)
- Bill 45 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner
- Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day (Oral notice having been given Thursday, April 23, 1998)

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

- Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 45 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question No. WQ19 asked for by Dr. Massey on March 4, 1998:

What are the names of the non-government selection panel members who recommended the former Deputy Minister of Education, Leroy Sloan, for that position, and the amounts of remuneration and expenses paid to each panel member for his or her services in the screening and selection process?

Sessional Paper 671/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ57 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 1, 1998:

What are the assumptions, values, formulae, and calculations used to derive the education reinvestment subtotal for each category listed below as taken from the January 9, 1998, Alberta Education Backgrounder entitled "Agenda for Opportunity: Education Re-investment to 2000/2001": \$93 million - Rate Increases for Basic Instruction; \$171 million - Enrolment Growth; \$86 million - Special Needs; \$22 million - Early Literacy Initiative; \$10 million - Teacher Aide Program; \$5 million - English as a Second Language Enhancement; \$13 million - Student Transportation; \$18 million - Capital Funding; \$12 million - Teachers' Pensions; \$8 million - Equity Funding; and (\$59) million - Adjustments?

Sessional Paper 672/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR60 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all research, documents, and findings prepared by or for the Department of Education regarding gender bias and performance on achievement and/or diploma examinations.

Sessional Paper 673/98

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

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 674/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ9 asked for by Dr. Pannu on February 25, 1998:

How does the Government explain the fact that the Heritage Trust Fund's Annual Report for 1996-97 indicates an overall rate of return of 8.5% for the Fund's investments when the Public Accounts for the same year (schedule 6, page 37) states the average "effective yield" is 3.63% for securities maturing within a year and 5.52% for securities maturing in 1 to 35 years on the bulk of our financial assets?

Sessional Paper 675/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR66 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all reports prepared for the Ministers of Finance, including the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, by the Federal/Provincial Committee on Taxation between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998, respecting the tax-on-income proposal.

Sessional Paper 676/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR69 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget '98 aired or printed on or before February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

Sessional Paper 677/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR70 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget '98 aired or printed after February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

Sessional Paper 678/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ71 asked for by Ms Paul on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$2,044,543 in write-offs under the Export Guarantee Program, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

Sessional Paper 679/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ74 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, by *individual Ministry*, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

Sessional Paper 680/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ75 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 12, page 20?

Sessional Paper 681/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ76 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

Sessional Paper 682/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ77 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

Sessional Paper 683/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ80 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

Sessional Paper 684/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ81 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

What is the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

Sessional Paper 685/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 12 and 18, 1998, Department of Community Development, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 686/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fax dated February 24, 1998, from Ms Sloan, La Perle Elementary School, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding response received from Travel Alberta following a request for materials by grade five students

Sessional Paper 687/98

Letter dated April 23, 1998, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, regarding response received from Travel Alberta following a request for materials by La Perle Elementary School's grade five students

Sessional Paper 688/98

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

Letter dated April 20, 1998, from six members of the Consumer Advisory Board, Vocational Research and Rehabilitation Institute, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit to fund living expenses of recipients and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 689/98

Letter dated April 3, 1998, from M.J. Moynihan regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 690/98

Letter dated April 30, 1995, from M.J. Moynihan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 691/98

Fact sheet regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit to fund living expenses of recipients relating to monthly cost of living expenses

Sessional Paper 692/98

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 693/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 6, 1998, from Annette Otto to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding difficulties experienced attempting to place her mother into the Youville Nursing Home in St. Albert

Sessional Paper 694/98

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

Petition signed by 34 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate

Sessional Paper 695/98

Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Brochure entitled "Are you concerned about your child's development: Call us - We're here to listen and help," prepared by Capital Health Early Intervention Programs, Capital Health Authority

Sessional Paper 696/98

12 postcards signed by Edmonton residents entitled "Private for-profit health care! We want a Royal Commission to examine the privatization of our health care system"

Sessional Paper 697/98

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy request for access to information form submitted April 27, 1998 by Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting access to the recent draft report on gambling addiction in Alberta completed by Wynne Resources Ltd.

Sessional Paper 698/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement recognizing the 125th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), May 23, 1998, and the important role of the police service to Alberta communities.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated August 27, 1997, from Brian Kearns, Executive Director, Program Services, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), to Gordon Turtle, Director, Communications, Department of Community Development, regarding Alberta adult gambling prevalence replication study - update

Sessional Paper 699/98

Fact sheet updated December 2, 1997, entitled "Alberta adult gambling and problem gambling replication prevalence study, proposed critical timeline path," prepared by Service Monitoring and Research, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission)

Sessional Paper 700/98

Recognitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Four recipients of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Edmonton, April 22, 1998.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Appointment of Lois Hole as Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Alberta's motion picture industry.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Canadian cadet Robert Hammel, member of the 1998 Cadet Honour Band.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Four recipients of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Calgary, April 23, 1998.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program graduation at St. Gabriel Elementary School, April 23, 1998.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Shannon Moore, recipient of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Calgary, April 23, 1998.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow Second reading consideration of Bill 43, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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

Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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: 40

Amery	Gordon	McClellan
Black	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Melchin
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Leibovici	Paul
Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Mitchell	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1998

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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: 33

Amery	Haley	McClellan
Boutilier	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Havelock	Melchin
Calahasen	Herard	Paszkowski
Coutts	Hierath	Renner
Doerksen	Hlady	Shariff
Dunford	Jacques	Smith
Evans	Laing	Stevens
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Fritz	Marz	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Mitchell	Sloan
Carlson	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sapers	

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00 midnight, the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 Bills:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 701/98

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:26 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 134 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from 187 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 104 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 95 Lethbridge and area residents expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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 29, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR94, MR95, MR96.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 231 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Brochure entitled “Re-establishing your credit - after debt problems,” prepared by the Credit Counselling Services of Alberta Ltd. (CCSA)

Sessional Paper 702/98

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta Ltd. (CCSA), First Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 703/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

3 letters dated April 28, 1998, in response to questions raised on February 26, 1998, Department of Environmental Protection, 1998-99 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 704/98

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 1996-97

Sessional Paper 705/98

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-5, s52(5):

Report on University Animal Facilities Inspections - 1997, dated March 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 706/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Article undated entitled “Public/Private Health Services: The Alberta Approach, Key Principles,” highlighting the role for the private sector in health care, both within and outside the publicly funded system

Sessional Paper 707/98

Mrs. Burgener, Chair, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Letter dated April 28, 1998, from Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, clarifying the current status of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) gaming prevalence report scheduled to be completed by November 1998

Sessional Paper 708/98

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated April 28, 1998, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 212, Amusements Amendment Act, 1998, scheduled for consideration by Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, April 29, 1998, also receive Third reading consideration on the same day, as soon as House business will allow

Sessional Paper 709/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, made a statement recognizing the Day of Mourning for Injured Workers, April 28, 1998, and the importance of workplace health and safety to ensure safe work sites.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding five seniors inducted into the Alberta Sport Hall of Fame in recognition for athletic efforts in golf and football activities.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the International Day of Mourning for Injured Workers, April 28, 1998, recognizing workers killed or injured in the workplace.

Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court of Canada ruling in the matter of Delwin Vriend and the importance of personal liberty, freedoms, rights, responsibilities, morality and family values.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Kryczka speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Ms Kryczka (as amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support a review of the remuneration system for teachers with the objective that teachers be rewarded individually for surpassing standard performance expectations.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), 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: 37

Amery	Hierath	Oberg
Black	Hlady	Paszkowski
Broda	Jacques	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Klapstein	Severtson
Cardinal	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Lougheed	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lund	Stevens
Fischer	Mar	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	Trynchy
Fritz	McFarland	West
Graham	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Haley		

Against the motion: 15

Dickson	Massey	Paul
Jonson	Mitchell	Sapers
Laing	Nicol	Sloan
Langevin	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Pannu	White

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Mr. Renner 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 Mrs. Gordon, the Acting 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 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. Black on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. Black on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Hon. Mrs. Black on behalf of Mr. Hierath

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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: 33

Amery	Haley	Mar
Black	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Oberg
Burgener	Hlady	Renner
Cao	Jacques	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Laing	Strang
Dunford	Langevin	West
Friedel	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Fritz	Lund	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	Mitchell	Paul
Dickson	Nicol	White
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, 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 38 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 27, 1998) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 710/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 118 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 146 Albertans regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause."

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 46 Edmonton and area residents regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition regarding the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, draw the attention of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to the following: that Albertans deserve an accountable Senate; therefore we, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to hold Senate elections during the province-wide municipal elections in October 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and commit never to use the "notwithstanding clause," or any other means, to override the fundamental human rights of Albertans.

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

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

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

Whereas we, the undersigned residents of Alberta, believe that education makes sense and that an investment in post-secondary education is an investment in Alberta's future. Therefore we, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to support the continued provision of an affordable, high quality post-secondary education system.

On request by Mr. 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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

On request by Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, draw the attention of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to the following: that Albertans deserve an accountable Senate; therefore we, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to hold Senate elections during the province-wide municipal elections in October 1998.

On request by Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

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 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, gave oral notice of her intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, April 30, 1998:

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 237 Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act — Dr. Pannu

Deputy Speaker's Statement — Introduction of Bill 237, Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act

The Chair would like to make a brief comment concerning the introduction of Bill 237 by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona. As Members are aware, positions for Private Members' Public Bills are determined by a draw. In accordance with the July 15, 1997 draw, Bills 201 to 230 were drafted and introduced in order, with Bill 231 being introduced yesterday. Drafting of Bills after 230 could not occur until after the first thirty Bills were introduced.

This is not the first time that a Private Member's Public Bill has been introduced out of order since the 1993 amendments to the Standing Orders took effect. The Chair would refer Members to the introduction of Bill 232 on October 30, 1995. Introduction of a Private Member's Public Bill, does not, however, move it ahead of other Bills. The Chair would like to reiterate the Speaker's comments from June 16, 1997 in this regard when he said:

“Even if a Member introduced his or her Bill out of order, it would not affect the order in which it was considered... 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.”

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

News release dated April 29, 1998, entitled “Talking with Albertans - Public Consultation in 1997”

Sessional Paper 711/98

Alberta's Participation in Team Canada '98: January 10 to 23, 1998, Mission Report - Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile

Sessional Paper 712/98

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

Amendment dated April 27, 1998, regarding Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, regarding section 29(2.1)(c)

Sessional Paper 713/98

Amendment dated April 28, 1998, regarding Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, regarding section 3(2) and section 29(2.1)

Sessional Paper 714/98

Amendment dated April 27, 1998, regarding Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, regarding section 3

Sessional Paper 715/98

Amendment dated April 28, 1998, regarding Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, regarding section 3(2)

Sessional Paper 716/98

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 717/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated March 20, 1998, from Frank Schoenberger, Reeve, Sturgeon County, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the redesignation to a primary highway of secondary highway 794, with attached letter dated April 14, 1997, from Jean DeChamplain, Norm Jesperson, and Frank Schoenberger, Reeves, to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities

Sessional Paper 718/98

Letter dated April 28, 1998, from Cliff Burns, Morinville resident, requesting improvements to secondary highway 794

Sessional Paper 719/98

Letter dated April 29, 1998, from Solange Price, Morinville resident, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requesting improvements to secondary highway 794 to allow for the redesignation as a primary highway

Sessional Paper 720/98

Letter dated April 29, 1998, from Trudy Wohlgenut, Calahoo resident, to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, requesting improvements to secondary highway 794

Sessional Paper 721/98

Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 29, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Ronald Duhamel, Secretary of State for Science and Technology, expressing support for Alberta's Science and Technology Hotlines and the need for increased funding

Sessional Paper 722/98

Letter dated April 29, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, expressing support for Alberta's Science and Technology Hotlines and the need for increased funding, with attached letter dated April 16, 1998, from Dr. Michael T. Caley, Executive Director, Edmonton Science and Technology Hotline Institute, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology

Sessional Paper 723/98

Letter dated April 15, 1998, from Dr. Michael T. Caley, Executive Director, Edmonton Science and Technology Hotline Institute, to Dr. Ronald Duhamel, Secretary of State for Science and Technology, expressing opposition regarding the collapse of the Former Innovators in the Schools Program, and the Science Culture Canada Program

Sessional Paper 724/98

Letter dated April 29, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Acting Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, requesting the public release of the draft report on gambling compiled by Wynne Resources Ltd.

Sessional Paper 725/98

E-mail message dated April 20, 1998, from William Dascavich to Keith Leal expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 726/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 727/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated April 29, 1998, entitled "Alberta Library Week, May 3 to 9, 1998"

Sessional Paper 728/98

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Ann McCaig, Chancellor of the University of Calgary.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Community Options, Society for Children and Families, recipient of the Alberta Association for Community Living Award.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Alberta Library Week, May 3 to 9, 1998, themed "Grow with your library."

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: 25 graduates of St. Alphonsus Elementary School completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Economic contribution of the chemical industry in Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Leukemia survivor Lance Relland and his efforts to promote First Nations arts with the Theatre Arts Community Outreach Society.

Privilege

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, indicated his intent to raise a purported point of privilege regarding comments made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, during Oral Question Period today.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ97.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR95. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Copies of all documents associated with the contracting out of laundry services, both on site and off site, at the Mitchener Centre in Red Deer, from January 1, 1994 to the present.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR96. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of the following agreements relating to the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project: Paper Mill Agreement between the borrowers, dated September 4, 1991; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by MC Forest Investment Inc. in favour of the Province; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by Kanzaki Paper in favour of the Province; and Option to Purchase, dated September 4, 1991, made among the borrowers and the Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife and acknowledged by Al-Pac.

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

Where consent of the other parties can be obtained, copies of the following agreements relating to the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project: Paper Mill Agreement between the borrowers, dated September 4, 1991; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by *Mitsubishi Corporation* in favour of the Province; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by *Kanzaki Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd.* in favour of the Province; and Option to Purchase, dated September 4, 1991, made among the borrowers and the Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife and acknowledged by Al-Pac.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR94. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Copies of all documents, studies, reports, projections, or analyses from each Ministry from January 1, 1992 to the present supporting the Government's conclusion that it would be to the taxpayers' advantage to provide most Government computing services through outsourcing by privatization or contracting out.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR98.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

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 212 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 729/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and Mrs. Gordon, Acting 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 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon

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 213 (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 730/98

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 8(5)(d) to permit Third reading consideration of Bill 213, School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:23 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein Mr. Herard, Acting Speaker, assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 38 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 27, 1998) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 731/98

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 732/98

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

30. 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 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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: 35

Amery	Havelock	Melchin
Black	Herard	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hlady	Oberg
Cao	Jacques	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jonson	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Renner
Ducharme	Laing	Severtson
Fischer	Langevin	Shariff
Fritz	Lund	Strang
Graham	Magnus	Thurber
Haley	McClellan	Woloshyn
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 12

Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Mitchell	Sloan
Gibbons	Nicol	Soetaert
Leibovici	Olsen	Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 30 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:00 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, as found in Sessional Paper 736/98, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 30 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:00 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 30 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 30 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 40, Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 40 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on April 29, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 733/98

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 734/98

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 735/98

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 736/98

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 7 agreed to by the Assembly on February 3, 1998, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:42 a.m.

FALL SITTING

NOVEMBER 16, 1998 TO DECEMBER 8, 1998

Monday, November 16, 1998

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, Dr. John Walker, Hon. Member for Macleod, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on June 5, 1998.

Introduction of New Member

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Edmonton-McClung containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 17, 1998 in the constituency and the said report further showed that Nancy J. MacBeth was duly elected as the Member for Edmonton-McClung.

Mrs. MacBeth joined Mr. Sapers, Hon. Official Opposition House Leader, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Mr. Sapers presented Mrs. MacBeth to the Speaker and the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition took her seat in the Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 117 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 91 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 96 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 96 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 86 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 96 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 96 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 86 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 75 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 105 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 112 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 83 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 support quality, affordable child care options for all Alberta families, regardless of income. We also petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reverse its decision eliminating operating allowances to child care centres and to instead bring forth a funding formula which will enhance quality child care and keep daycare fees affordable for low income and middle income families.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee recommending the appointment of Mr. O. Brian Fjeldheim as Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, September 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 737/98

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

On the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Gibbons replace Ms Olsen

On the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms Olsen replace Mr. Sapers

On the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Sapers replace Mr. Zwozdesky

On the Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Bonner replace Mr. Zwozdesky

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Mr. O. Brian Fjeldheim be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Second 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(2), Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege following Oral Question Period today arising from the comments made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, during Oral Question Period on April 29, 1998.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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 Government interference in the management and operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the role of the Executive Council and its Members in the management and operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize the urgent need for a broad public debate on the future of private, for-profit hospitals in the province of Alberta prior to any legislation being passed which enables these institutions.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely that the Legislative Assembly ask the Members' Services Committee to amend the Order No. MSC 5/98 to ensure that any Member leaving elected office receives either the transition allowance or benefits under the former MLA Pension Plan, but not both.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to postpone further consideration of Bill 37 until after the Health Summit planned for early 1999.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to request the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly waive the provisions of Standing Orders 38 and 39 so that the following motion can be made:

Be it resolved that this Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly until Monday, November 23, 1998 or such other time that the Premier can attend.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given Wednesday, April 29, 1998:

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act,
1998 — Ms Fritz

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

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act,
1998 — Ms Fritz

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, Annual Report 1997
Sessional Paper 738/98

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 1997
Sessional Paper 739/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated November 16, 1998, entitled "AADAC spreads the word
about National Addictions Awareness Week"
Sessional Paper 740/98

Information bulletin dated November 16, 1998, entitled "Albertans urged to
celebrate diversity on International Day for Tolerance"
Sessional Paper 741/98

Handbook for Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living,
published by Health Canada and CSEP (Canadian Society for Exercise
Physiology)
Sessional Paper 742/98

News release dated November 16, 1998, entitled "Alberta art to be celebrated at
Legislature"
Sessional Paper 743/98

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 1997-98
Sessional Paper 744/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Commission, Thirty-fourth Annual Report April 1, 1996 to October 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 745/98

Alberta Racing Corporation, Annual Review 1997

Sessional Paper 746/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company (AOC), Annual Report 1997-98 entitled "Turning Opportunity Into Enterprise"

Sessional Paper 747/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 5, 1998, from Dr. and Mrs. de Jongh, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 748/98

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

Highway 794 Traffic Survey dated October 28, 1998, prepared by the Morinville Highway Patrol

Sessional Paper 749/98

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

Letter dated October 9, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting the appointment of an all-party panel and public consultations regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998; and reply received from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, dated October 28, 1998

Sessional Paper 750/98

3 amendments, undated, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 751/98

10 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 752/98

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, c E-2, s4(3):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Edmonton-McClung By-election held Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Sessional Paper 753/98

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s19(4):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 754/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

9 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 755/98

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

Letter dated November 10, 1998, from Jo Bishop to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 756/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Supreme Court of Canada Decision No. 25866 between Marie Sarah Eurig, as Executor of the estate of Donald Valentine Eurig and the Registrar of the Ontario Court (General Division), and the Attorney General of Ontario

Sessional Paper 757/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 758/98

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

15 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 759/98

Transcript of an AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) convention speech given by Charles Relland on November 7, 1998, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 760/98

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Edmonton, in the matter of Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall, Statement of Claim, dated August 25, 1998

Sessional Paper 761/98

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Edmonton, in the matter of Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall, Affidavit of Paulina Hiebert, dated August 24, 1998

Sessional Paper 762/98

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Edmonton, in the matter of Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall, Affidavit of Martin H. Walrath, dated November 6, 1998

Sessional Paper 763/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 764/98

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

Memorandum dated November 12, 1998, from Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 215, Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998, be considered by Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, November 18, 1998

Sessional Paper 765/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Members' Services Order 1/98, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 2), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 766/98

Members' Services Order 2/98, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 3), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 767/98

Members' Services Order 3/98, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 4), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 768/98

Members' Services Order 4/98, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 2), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 769/98

Members' Services Order 5/98, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 5), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 770/98

Members' Services Order 6/98, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 3), dated October 5, 1998, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 771/98

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

Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 772/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-3, s3(2):

Twenty-first Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the Calendar Year 1997

Sessional Paper 773/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s61(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 774/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement welcoming Mrs. MacBeth as the new Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition to the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Leader of the New Democrats, also made a statement congratulating Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mrs. MacBeth commented on the statements.

Speaker's Statement — Role of the Speaker, Sub Judice Rule and House Procedures

Reflections have been made about the role of the Speaker in presiding over proceedings or questions that may come before this Assembly. These statements have been of great concern as this Speaker's foremost priority since being elected to this position on April 14, 1997, has been to promote and maintain the dignity and respect of this Office in order to serve Members and the people of Alberta. It is a basic tenet that the Speaker is to be impartial in carrying out the duties of the Office. This principle is so fundamental to the Office of the Speaker and the operation of an Assembly that persons inside or outside the House who directly or indirectly question the actions or impartiality of the Speaker may be the subject of a question of privilege. Members may refer to Beauchesne's (6th edition) at paragraph 168, Erskine May (21st edition) at pages 180-181, and Maingot's Parliamentary Privilege in Canada (2nd edition) at page 253. Speaker King of the British House of Commons went so far as to state on December 10, 1970:

The bedrock of this House is allegiance not so much to the individual in the Chair as the sound wisdom, the procedure, customs and courtesies of which he is the guardian and the exponent.

The time-honoured conventions surrounding the Office mandate the neutrality of the Speaker. For instance, the Speaker may not participate in debates in the House or be asked questions. Questions are directed to Ministers of the Government in their current portfolios and cannot be asked of a Member who is no longer a Minister relating to that person's term of office. The Speaker only votes when there is a tie and then only in accordance with well-established precedents which preclude an expression of opinion upon the merits of a question.

It should be pointed out that when this Speaker was elected by this House on April 14, 1997, it was known that he had served as a Member of Executive Council from May 8, 1986 until October 20, 1994. It is hardly unusual to have a former Cabinet Minister as Speaker. Members may recall that Speakers Jeanne Sauvé and John Fraser, the first Speaker in the federal House of Commons to be elected by free vote, both became Speaker after they had been Cabinet Ministers. In the United Kingdom Parliament, several Speakers were former Cabinet Ministers such as Speaker Selwyn Lloyd who became Speaker in 1971, and who had been Foreign Secretary during the Suez Crisis and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Chair has scoured the authorities in Canada and abroad for rulings by Speakers on when and if they should absent themselves from the Chair. The research has found that there is no established parliamentary rule that requires a Speaker, even a former Cabinet Minister, to absent himself or herself from presiding over the business of the House. Speakers in other jurisdictions have even presided over Motions directly relating to their conduct in the Chair.

It is the Chair's role to apply the rules that have been established by Members themselves in the Standing Orders, by the practices of the Assembly and, in the last resort, by the authorities such as Beauchesne's and Erskine May. The Chair would like to review some of those rules that govern Question Period. The Speaker's attention has been drawn to the application of the rules on preambles. There is no discretion here. House Leaders by their agreement of April 30, 1997 agreed that succinct preambles were allowed to main questions but that there were to be no preambles for supplementaries. Preambles and questions must comply with the rules concerning debate found in Standing Order 23 and paragraphs 403 to 420 of Beauchesne's; and must not contain unparliamentary language.

Several Members have advised that among the matters raised this afternoon will be one concerning Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall. Such matters may be affected by the rule against raising matters that are before the courts or sub judice. Unlike some jurisdictions, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta has a specific Standing Order concerning matters that are sub judice. The Chair would like to remind Members that the wording of Standing Order 23(g) was amended by the Assembly on February 14, 1995 based on the Report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform which was concurred in by the Assembly on November 8, 1993. Several current members of the Assembly including the Hon. Provincial Treasurer (Chair), Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, Honourable Member for Peace River and the Honourable Member for Calgary-Bow served on this all-party committee which also included four Members of the Official Opposition. Given the changes in the wording of Standing Order 23(g), decisions of previous Speakers especially with respect to court actions involving Principal Trust in the late 1980s are of little assistance because, at that time, the sub judice rule was broader in scope.

This Standing Order now reads, with respect to civil as opposed to criminal matters, that:

A member will be called to order by the Speaker if, in the Speaker's opinion, that member:

SO 23 (g) refers to any matter pending in court or before a judge for judicial determination...

(ii) of a civil nature that has been set down for a trial or notice of motion filed, as in an injunction proceeding until judgment or from the date of filing a notice of appeal until judgment by an appellate court,

where there is probability of prejudice to any party but where there is any doubt as to prejudice, the rule should be in favour of the debate.

The action by Alberta Treasury Branches against West Edmonton Mall has not, to the Chair's knowledge, been set down for trial. However, it is the Chair's understanding that there have been Notices of Motion filed in this action. Once again, to the Chair's knowledge these applications have not been heard but the sub judice rule is triggered as soon as a Notice of Motion has been filed.

It is extraordinarily difficult for the Chair to know how debate in the House would prejudice those proceedings.

The Chair would like to remind Members that the duty of the Chair in applying the sub judice rule is to balance the interests of free speech in the House against the possible prejudice that may occur to any of the parties in the litigation. As the House of Commons Special Committee on Rights and Immunities of Members reported in 1977:

The Chair is seldom in possession of the necessary information to determine whether or not prejudicial effect is likely.

In its 1993 Report, the Alberta Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform also recognized this problem when it noted in appendix "A" to the Report in applying the rule that:

"It is clear that the final decision as to whether to allow discussion must rest with the Chair. However, all Members should share responsibility. Members should exercise restraint in referring to particular cases or inquiries. A member who feels that there is a risk of prejudice should raise the issue. Ministers, who may have more immediate information on a case or may be in a better position to judge whether a risk of prejudice exists should similarly raise the point when necessary."

It is difficult for the Chair to know what questions would have a prejudicial effect on the litigation. Accordingly, in determining whether a matter is sub judice or not, the Chair must rely upon Members and Ministers who have greater information about the legal actions and the possible prejudicial effect of a question or answer. Members are referred to paragraphs 505 to 511 of Beauchesne's (6th edition).

Finally, the Chair would like to caution Members about making references to persons outside the House who are unable to reply and would refer to paragraph 493 of Beauchesne's (6th edition).

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Response to Written Question No. WQ149 (Sessional Paper 149/95, 23rd Legislature, 3rd Session), regarding private Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) clinics

Sessional Paper 775/98

Recognitions

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Jack Perraton, Calgary Citizen of the Year and University of Calgary Chancellor.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Del Marlowe, Flare Volunteer Award recipient.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Dr. Donald Stanley and Mr. Sandy Mactaggart, Alberta Order of Excellence inductees.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Harley Hotchkiss, Alberta Order of Excellence inductee.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Elmwood Elementary School environmental efforts.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: Aron Eichler and Sidney Cyngiser, holocaust survivors.

Point of Order

During a point of order, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Fiscal overview presentation fact sheet, undated, entitled "Health Expenditures in Relation to Other Program Expenditures: Constant Dollars Per Capita Index"
Sessional Paper 776/98

Health Information Division, Health Canada, fact sheet dated February 1994, entitled "Figure 4: Average Annual Percent Change in Real Per Capita Health Spending, Canada and the Provinces/Territories, 1987-1991"
Sessional Paper 777/98

Privilege

Oral notice having been given earlier today, Monday, November 16, 1998, and pursuant to Standing Order 15, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, raised a purported question of privilege regarding comments made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, during Oral Question Period on April 29, 1998.

Written notice having been given April 30, 1998, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, also raised a purported question of privilege regarding comments made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, during Oral Question Period on April 29, 1998.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader. He then advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement and rule on the purported question of privilege shortly.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely Government interference in the management and operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the role of the Executive Council and its Members in the management and operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize the urgent need for a broad public debate on the future of private, for-profit hospitals in the province of Alberta prior to any legislation being passed which enables these institutions.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that the Legislative Assembly ask the Members' Services Committee to amend the Order No. MSC 5/98 to ensure that any Member leaving elected office receives either the transition allowance or benefits under the former MLA Pension Plan, but not both.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to postpone further consideration of Bill 37 until after the Health Summit planned for early 1999.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Motion for Adjournment

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly waive the provisions of Standing Orders 38 and 39 so that the following motion can be made:

Be it resolved that this Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly until Monday, November 23, 1998 or such other time that the Premier can attend.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

The Committee recessed at 5:26 until 8:00 p.m.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1998 — 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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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 37 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Sub-amendment introduced

Sessional Paper 778/98

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 37 introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 779/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:02 p.m. until Tuesday, November 17, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 623 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 26 Spruce Grove and District Chamber of Commerce members requesting public consultations regarding the current CPP (Canada Pension Plan) and the discussion of alternatives.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 190 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 999 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 21 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 50 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 3,758 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the east leg(s) of the inner ring loop at Highway 14 and 17th Street not be moved to the inner city.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 457 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 199 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 201 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, presented a petition from 44 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 18, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Promoting Responsible Citizenship: Report to the Minister of Justice, submitted by MLA Committee Making Recommendations on Restructuring on Prisoner Voting in the Alberta Election Act, dated November 16, 1998

Sessional Paper 780/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated November 17, 1998, entitled "Minister's Seniors Service Awards 1999 nominations forms available" with attached Minister's Seniors Service Awards 1999 Nomination Form

Sessional Paper 781/98

Letter dated November 17, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Wally Buono, Calgary Stampeders coach, offering congratulations on a successful 1998 season and offering best wishes for the upcoming Grey Cup Game

Sessional Paper 782/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ17 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 4, 1998:

How many *Recreation Facility Sites* were offered for tender between *September 1, 1997* and *February 3, 1998*, where the operator takes over full responsibility for the operation; *on how many Recreation Facility Sites were tenders received*; what is the name of each location for which no suitable tenders were received (if any) and what *action is proposed or has been initiated for each Recreation Facility Site* for which no suitable tenders were received?

Sessional Paper 783/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ18 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 4, 1998:

How many provincial recreation areas and provincial forest recreation areas were there as of January 1, 1994, and between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1997, how many closed, how many were *divested to municipalities*, how many were *contracted or leased to private sector contractors, municipalities, community or other non-profit groups that kept them open to the public*, how many were *leased to community or other non-profit groups for exclusive use*, how many were still *operated directly by the Government* on December 31, 1997, and how many may be closed during 1998 if no operators are found?

Sessional Paper 784/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR21 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 4, 1998:

A copy of all documents that record inspections by Alberta Environmental Protection of *the construction and operation of cell #2 at the Laidlaw Environmental Services (Ryley) Ltd. hazardous waste landfill from the start of construction until February 1998.*

Sessional Paper 785/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR22 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 4, 1998:

A copy of *those portions of the agreement between Alberta Environmental Protection and Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM) for ISM to manage the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences that are not protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as announced in a Government news release on September 4, 1997.*

Sessional Paper 786/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR23 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 4, 1998:

A copy of those portions of the proposal received by Alberta Environmental Protection for the privatization of the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, from Information Systems Management Corporation, with whom the Department has entered into an agreement, that are not protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Sessional Paper 787/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology:

A Strategy for Information and Communications Technology in Alberta, CD ROM produced by ASRA (Alberta Science and Research Authority)

Sessional Paper 788/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requested Hon. Dr. Taylor to also provide the tabling in hard (print) format.

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

In Unison: A Canadian Approach to Disability Issues, A Vision Paper, produced by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Social Services
Sessional Paper 789/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR15 asked for by Ms Barrett on March 4, 1998:

Copies of all studies done by the Government on the direct and indirect effects on Alberta's workers and the provincial economy as a result of having the lowest *dollar* minimum wage in Canada.

Sessional Paper 790/98

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 (AAROT), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 791/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

250 postcards submitted by Albertans entitled "Keep Arts Festivals Alive in Alberta!", produced by the Alberta Arts Festivals Association (AAFA)

Sessional Paper 792/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-15, with attached letter to Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, dated October 8, 1998, regarding a request into the medical protocols and procedures at the Hope Mission - Herb Jamieson Centre, and letter dated September 2, 1998, from Mr. Shariff, Chair, Social Care Facilities Review Committee

Sessional Paper 793/98

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

Consumers' Association of Canada (Alberta) November 16, 1998 press release regarding the release of the results of a provincial survey of patient charges for cataract surgery plus details of complaints

Sessional Paper 794/98

3 e-mail messages dated November 16, 1998 from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 795/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

77 letters from parents of Meyokumin School and the Meyokumin School Council expressing disappointment with the current level of public education funding

Sessional Paper 796/98

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

Facsimile cover sheet dated July 4, 1997, from Forintek Canada Corporation, Western Laboratory, Canada's Wood Products Research Institute, to Alberta Labour regarding examination of four lodgepole pine shakes

Sessional Paper 797/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Calgary Sun article, dated September 24, 1994 entitled "Privatization Push: Hospitals, Schools Dinning's Targets"

Sessional Paper 798/98

Fact sheet dated January 12, 1998, entitled "Canadian Facts: Confidential" issued by Mr. Brian T. Digby, Executive Vice President, Marketing and Product Development, Alberta Treasury Branches, regarding Project Chinook

Sessional Paper 799/98

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

Edmonton Journal article dated October 25, 1998, entitled "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) chief sees merging with bank as an option"

Sessional Paper 800/98

Edmonton Journal article dated April 30, 1997, entitled "Private firms inquire about taking over Treasury Branches"

Sessional Paper 801/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement recognizing the long-standing community service of Des Cooper, Lacombe Fire Department Volunteer Fire Chief, upon his retirement.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement as a member of the Métis Nation recognizing the Métis people of Alberta and thanking the members of the Métis Nation of Alberta for their organization of Métis Week 1998, November 15-21, 1998.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement recognizing constituents Bert and Alice Brown for their community service efforts and offering congratulations to Alice as the 1998 Governor General's Award recipient in commemoration of the Persons case.

Speaker's Ruling — Question of Privilege, Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities and the Hon. Government House Leader

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported questions of privilege debated yesterday, November 16, 1998. The events giving rise to the question of privilege arose during Question Period on April 29, 1998, the last day of the Spring Sitting, in relation to certain questions posed by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert to the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities. Yesterday the Chair invited the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities to state his question of privilege. The Hon. Government House Leader also raised a question of privilege in connection with the same statements raised by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert. The Chair then deferred ruling on the matter until this afternoon.

Given the fact that both purported questions of privilege stem from the same statements made by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the Chair will deal with both questions in a single ruling.

As a preliminary matter, the Chair finds that the questions of privilege raised by the Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities and by the Hon. Government House Leader were raised at the earliest opportunity and that sufficient notice was provided in accordance with Standing Order 15(2).

The Chair would like to highlight the statements that have given rise to these purported questions of privilege. On April 29, 1998, during Question Period, the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert posed certain questions to the Hon. Minister for Transportation and Utilities. She stated her supplemental questions as follows on page 1810 of Hansard for that day:

First Supplemental: "Given that people are on the verge of blocking off highway 794 in protest, what is it going to take for the Minister to do the right thing? Make it safe. Plan it this year. How many deaths does it take? What's the magic number?"

Second Supplemental: "My final question, Mr. Speaker: why do you put partisan politics ahead of the safety of people? Are the lives of the people in Westlock more important than the lives of the people in Sturgeon?"

The Hon. Minister of Transportation and Utilities asserted that his privileges as a Hon. Member of this Assembly were breached because the statements in the first supplementary question implied that he, as an Hon. Member of the Assembly and a Minister of the Crown, does not care about the lives of Albertans. The Minister also argued that the final supplementary question included a clear and explicit accusation which amounted to a libellous statement and is an insult against his reputation and integrity as a Hon. Member and as a Minister, and is also a breach of privilege or contempt pursuant to section 10 of the Legislative Assembly Act.

The thrust of the Hon. Government House Leader's argument is on the breach of the "corporate" privileges of the Assembly, namely, that the statements in question constitute a contempt of the Assembly because of their impact on the Members and the Assembly's status in the eyes of the public. He also argued that these statements insult the work of Members and diminish the respect due to the Assembly.

In opposition to the questions of privilege raised, the Official Opposition House Leader stated that the arguments raised do not establish that the Minister's rights have been breached in that he has not been prevented from doing his job. The Official Opposition House Leader also stated that although the statements in question were very direct, aggressive questions, the questions did not include any accusations. Finally, the Official Opposition House Leader cited Beauchesne's para. 31 for the principle that this matter amounts to a dispute as to allegation of facts and, therefore, does not fulfill the conditions of privilege.

The Chair's role is to determine whether a prima facie question of privilege exists.

Before reviewing the May 11, 1994 ruling which has been cited by both the Minister of Transportation and Utilities and the Hon. Government House Leader, the Chair would like to summarize the key characteristics of parliamentary privilege as stated by Maingot in *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd ed.) at page 14:

To constitute "privilege" generally there must be some improper obstruction to the Member in performing his parliamentary work in either a direct or constructive way, as opposed to mere expression of public opinion or of criticisms of the activities of the Members (for example, threatening a Member for what he said in debate, contemptuous reflections on Members, allegations of improper conduct during a proceeding in Parliament, or allegations that a chairman was biased).

The Chair would also like to point out that a breach of privilege is associated with the special rights of a Member. As Maingot states at p. 224:

“...parliamentary privilege is concerned with the special rights of Members, not in their capacity as Ministers or as party leaders, whips or parliamentary secretaries, but strictly in their capacity as Members in their parliamentary work.”

Certainly, in reviewing the statements made on April 29, 1998 by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, it is clear that these statements include allegations, impute motives and include inflammatory language, and are, therefore, definite grounds for a point of order pursuant to S.O. 23 (h), (i) and (j). The question is whether these statements go further than the usual cut and thrust of debate. In considering this question, the Chair notes that it is not the truth of the statements that is the issue, the question is whether the Member's statements have obstructed the ability of the House to perform its functions by diminishing the respect owed to both the Assembly and the work of the Members.

In making his arguments yesterday, the Minister quoted from Bourinot's 4th edition about libellous reflections on Members. It is always very, very interesting to review these authorities such as Bourinot which Members may know was last revised in 1916. In the Chair's reading of the relevant portion it appears that the examples refer to cases involving statements made by persons outside the House. The Chair would also note that Beauchesne's (6th edition) (paragraphs 64-70) refers to "Reflections on Members" but, like Bourinot, it seems to refer to statements made outside the House.

It is the responsibility of the House, and the Chair, to ensure that language used in the House complies with our rules on parliamentary language. As Maingot states on this point at 254-5:

Language spoken during a parliamentary proceeding that impugns the integrity of members would be unparliamentary and a breach of order contrary to the Standing Orders, but not a breach of privilege.

In comparing the statements of the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert to the statements which gave rise to Speaker Schumacher's 1994 ruling, the Chair would note that in that instance there were substantive charges raised alleging interference in the awarding of contracts which amount really to a charge against a Member. As the Chair has noted, the statements of the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert contain allegations and impute motives, but the Chair finds it difficult to place these in the same category as those made in 1994. It is most regrettable that the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert made those rhetorical flourishes. A question of privilege is, as the Members noted yesterday in their arguments, a very serious matter. In order for a prima facie case to be established, it must be shown that there has been an interference or obstruction in either the Member's ability to perform his or her functions or the ability of the House to carry out its functions. This type of obstruction does not appear to have occurred. Rather, these statements, although clearly unparliamentary and inappropriate, appear to be of the nature that can arise during the heat of debate in Question Period.

Accordingly, the Chair does not find that there has been a prima face case for a breach of privilege. However, the Chair is rather disheartened by the unparliamentary language used in these statements and is very disappointed that the Hon. Member did not use the opportunity provided her yesterday afternoon to comment on the matter. The Chair would like to make it clear to all Members that comments of this nature are inappropriate and will not be allowed. These type of statements certainly diminish the respect and dignity owed to this Assembly and will not be permitted. Under the circumstances, would the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert now wish to do the honourable thing and clarify her remarks.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, retracted her statements that could be construed as a personal attack on the Minister.

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 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Hon. Dr. Taylor speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mr. Gibbons:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a system of stable and predictable funding arrangements with municipalities; clarify roles and responsibilities between provincial and local governments; develop an appropriate accountability framework; and determine the infrastructure priorities required to ensure sustained economic and human development within our local communities.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

At 4:26 p.m. the Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Government Motions.

Government Motions

- 32.** Oral notice having been given Monday, November 16, 1998, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

On the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Gibbons replace Ms Olsen

On the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms Olsen replace Mr. Sapers

On the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Sapers replace Mr. Zwozdesky

On the Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Bonner replace Mr. Zwozdesky

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

- 33.** Oral notice having been given Monday, November 16, 1998, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Mr. O. Brian Fjeldheim be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

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

- 34.** Oral notice having been given Monday, November 16, 1998, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Second 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1998 — 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 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 143 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Calgary Stampede, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 822/98

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty-fifth Annual Report 1998 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 823/98

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 824/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, cA-26, s7(5):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Community Report and Financial Highlights for the year ended March 31, 1998, entitled "Spectrum"

Sessional Paper 825/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Speaker's request of November 17, 1998 to provide a hard (print) copy of Hon. Dr. Taylor's tabling in CD ROM format:

Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta, produced by ASRA (Alberta Science and Research Authority)

Sessional Paper 826/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, on behalf of Mrs. Burgener, Chair, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Information package entitled "All the Best: Challenges and Choices for the Older Adult" with attached news release dated November 18, 1998, entitled "AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) offers addiction prevention tool for seniors"

Sessional Paper 827/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheets listing premiums, fees and licences for: Executive Council; Advanced Education and Career Development; Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Community Development; Economic Development; Education; Energy; Environmental Protection; Family and Social Services; Health; Justice; Labour; Municipal Affairs; Public Works, Supply and Services; Transportation and Utilities; and Treasury

Sessional Paper 828/98

Letter dated November 17, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding premiums, fees and licenses levied by the Ministry of Treasury

Sessional Paper 829/98

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

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requesting the terms of reference provided by Alberta Treasury to CIBC Wood Gundy relating to the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 830/98

Letter dated October 26, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requesting public consultations regarding the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 831/98

Letter dated November 5, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, in response to the requested terms of reference for CIBC Wood Gundy's review of the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 832/98

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

Fax cover sheet dated January 18, 1997, from Warnock Hersey/Inchcape Testing Services, Shake and Shingle Department, to Alberta Building Inspection Departments, Saskatchewan Building Inspection Departments and the BC Dry Climate Areas, regarding Skyline Industries accreditation

Sessional Paper 833/98

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

46 letters from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 834/98

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

Letter dated April 17, 1998, from Michael Aston, FOIPP Co-ordinator, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Lennie Kaplan, Alberta Liberal Caucus, regarding access to records relating to the Ministry of Treasury and the Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 835/98

Oral Question Period

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

3 newspaper articles entitled "Get out of banking - Libs"; "Treasury Branches a takeover target"; "Province considers plan to privatize ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches)"

Sessional Paper 836/98

10 newspaper articles entitled "Grit sees secret ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) plan to push privatization"; "Grits predict ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization"; "Province takes first step towards ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization"; "Mall owners call ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) allegations a conspiracy"; "More at stake than a mall"; "Alberta checks options for ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches)"; "West Edmonton Mall deal under scrutiny"; "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) finally getting into shape"; "Day may seek public input on future of Treasury Branch"; "Day mulls Treasury Branch privatization"

Sessional Paper 837/98

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

Article entitled "Alberta Premier Ralph Klein the 1998 Recipient of the Canadian Health Care Demolition Award", presented by the National Federation of Nurses' Unions and the Canadian Health Coalition

Sessional Paper 838/98

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Leonard Friesen, Lloyd Lee, and Jack Gore, Agriculture Hall of Fame inductees.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Dr. David Schindler, co-recipient of the Volvo Environment prize.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat's volunteer efforts in hosting the Canada Seniors Games, August 19 to 22, 1998.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Masako Miyazaki, Director of the University of Alberta Telehealth Technology and Research Institute.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: HMCS Tecumseh and the HMCS Calgary frigate tour.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Child Day, Friday, November 20, 1998.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: June Lore, Alberta Order of Excellence inductee.

Point of Order

During debate on a point of order, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, tabled the following:

Newspaper article entitled "Province battles Ottawa over ban on gas additive" and "Treasury Branches not for sale"

Sessional Paper 839/98

Newspaper article entitled "Province takes first step towards ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization"

Sessional Paper 840/98

Newspaper article entitled "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) changes - not a hint of privatization"

Sessional Paper 841/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ97, WQ99, WQ100.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR98, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

Mr. Severtson 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 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 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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 215 (Hon. Member for Redwater) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 842/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 217 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, 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 the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health November 16, 1998, be amended in clause B by adding:

Section 2(3) is further amended by adding the following after the proposed Section 67.41(2):

(3) No operator of a treatment facility that is the subject of a subsisting or future approval shall provide or permit to be provided at the facility a medical service of an intrusive nature that requires an overnight patient stay at such facility.

A debate followed (on sub-amendment).

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

For the sub-amendment: 12

Barrett	MacBeth	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	White

Against the sub-amendment: 29

Broda	Jonson	Severtson
Cao	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Langevin	Stelmach
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Haley	Mar	West
Herard	McFarland	Woloshyn
Hierath	Melchin	Yankowsky
Hlady	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Jacques	O'Neill	

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 16, 1998) that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 1(2) is amended as to the proposed section 5.01(1)(c) by adding "who is enrolled in the Plan" after "physician".

B Section 2(3) is amended

(a) by adding the following after proposed section 67.4:

67.41(1) In this section, "health care insurance plan" means a health care insurance plan within the meaning of the Canada Health Act.

(2) No operator of a treatment facility that is the subject of a subsisting approval shall provide or permit to be provided at the facility a medical service described in the regulations under section 67.9 to a person who is eligible to receive the medical service as an insured service under the health care insurance plan of any province.

(b) in proposed section 67.8(1) by adding ", 67.41" after "67.2".

A debate followed (on amendment).

Mr. McFarland moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment). 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: 29

Amery	Jonson	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Smith
Cao	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Mar	Thurber
Haley	McFarland	West
Herard	Melchin	Woloshyn
Hierath	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hlady	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Jacques	Renner	

Against the motion: 12

Carlson	MacDonald	Pannu
Dickson	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Sloan
MacBeth	Olsen	White

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report. 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: 29

Amery	Jonson	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Smith
Cao	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lund	Stevens
Coutts	Mar	Thurber
Friedel	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Woloshyn
Herard	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hlady	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Jacques	Renner	

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	MacDonald	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Sloan
MacBeth		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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.

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 37 (Amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health) (Sub-amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on November 16, 1998) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 843/98

Amendment to Bill 37 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 16, 1998) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 844/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Thursday, November 19, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 538 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 69 constituents regarding the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to consult extensively with Albertans on the ramifications of not properly fixing the CPP, including the option of an Alberta managed, Mandatory Retirement Savings Plan should the Federal Government not commit to properly fixing the CPP well in advance of the next scheduled review in 2001.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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

We, the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and commit never to use the "notwithstanding clause," or any other means, to override the fundamental human rights of Albertans.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Report to Albertans on Building Alberta Together 1997-98: The Annual Report of the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 845/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998, Including Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

Sessional Paper 821/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-9, s8:

Alberta Executive Council, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Northern Alberta Development Council, and the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 802/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Public Service Act, cP-31, s5(2):

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 1 Including the Personnel Administration Office

Sessional Paper 803/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 2 Including the Financial Statements of Public Colleges, Technical Institutes, Universities and Associated Entities, Banff Centre for Continuing Education, Alberta Vocational Colleges, and Foundations

Sessional Paper 804/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2):

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation; Alberta Agricultural Research Institute; Alberta Dairy Control Board; Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Revolving Fund; Crop Reinsurance Fund of Alberta, and the Livestock Patrons' Assurance Fund

Sessional Paper 805/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-21.5, s14(2); Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-37.6, s13(3); Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12; Historical Resources Act, cH-8, s43; Historical Resources Act, cH-8, s10.7(2), and the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-7.8, s7(3):

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998, Including the Historic Resources Fund; Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta Foundation for the Arts; Alberta Historical Resources Foundation; Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation; Government House Foundation, and the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 806/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Motion Picture Development Act, cM-19.1, s14(2):

Alberta Ministry of Economic Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Including Economic Development and Tourism Revolving Fund; Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission; Lottery Fund; Alberta Opportunity Company, and the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 807/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Education's 93rd Annual Report and 4th Annual Results Report 1997-98,
Part 1

Sessional Paper 808/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2), and the Petroleum Marketing Act, cP-5, s11(2):

Alberta Ministry of Energy, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board; Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority, and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission

Sessional Paper 809/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32 (2), and the Special Waste Management Corporation Act, cS-21.5, s14(1):

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Environmental Protection Revolving Fund; Environmental Protection and Enhancement Fund; Natural Resources Conservation Board, and the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation

Sessional Paper 810/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation

Sessional Paper 811/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Health Foundations Act, cH-4.5, s13, and the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 1

Sessional Paper 812/98

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 2 Including the Health Authority Financial Statements and the Health Foundation Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 813/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 25th Annual Report to March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 814/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 815/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1997-98, entitled "Quality Service Through Partnerships" Including the Workers' Compensation Board Financial Statements 1997

Sessional Paper 816/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Housing Act, cA.-30.1, s31, and the Special Areas Act, cS-20, s17(2):

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Social Housing Corporation; Improvement Districts' Trust Account, and the Special Areas Trust Account

Sessional Paper 817/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Office of the Chief Information Officer

Sessional Paper 818/98

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; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22; Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2), and the Science and Research Authority Act, cS-5.5, s11(2):

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Science and Research Authority; Alberta Science and Research Fund; Alberta Research Council, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

Sessional Paper 819/98

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, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1997-98 Including the Transportation Revolving Fund and the Gas Alberta Operating Fund

Sessional Paper 820/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act, cB-0.5, s10:

Report of the Audit Committee dated June 30, 1998, produced by E. Susan Evans, Audit Committee Chair

Sessional Paper 846/98

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

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 847/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Voluntary Load Curtailment Program Summary dated November 18, 1998, produced by the Power Pool of Alberta

Sessional Paper 848/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 18, 1997, from Eric Lloyd, Director for the Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding CL Ranches Range Improvement Project/Consensus Driven Planning - Bragg Creek

Sessional Paper 849/98

Letter dated November 9, 1998, from Eric Lloyd, Director for the Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC), to Mr. Thurber, Chairman, Agricultural Lease Review Committee (ALRC), regarding the Interim Report of the ALRC/Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC) position

Sessional Paper 850/98

Petition signed by over 1,000 Bragg Creek and area residents requesting the cancellation of the CL Ranches Range Improvement (clear cut logging) Project and all other Range Improvement Projects including clear cut logging in the Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 851/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Vulnerable Children in Alberta: Advantaged or Abandoned?, dated September 1998, produced by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 852/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated November 13, 1998, entitled "Student Groups to Oppose Bill 37" from the University of Calgary Campus New Democrats

Sessional Paper 853/98

News release dated November 17, 1998, entitled "Pre-med Students, Campus Liberals Join Anti-Bill 37 Coalition" from the University of Calgary Campus New Democrats

Sessional Paper 854/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, made a statement regarding National Child Day, Friday, November 20, 1998, and the Alberta Children's Initiative.

During Ministerial Statements, Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, tabled the following:

The Alberta Children's Initiative: An Agenda for Joint Action, Children's Initiative Business Plan produced by the Child and Family Services Secretariat in collaboration with the Ministries of Community Development, Education, Family and Social Services, Health, Justice and the Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services

Sessional Paper 855/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding Edmonton's successful bid to host the 2001 Track and Field Championships. She offered congratulations to the bid co-chairs, Dr. Bob Stedward and Jack Adrius, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, for their efforts.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, also offered congratulations to the World Track and Field Championships Bidding Committee.

Members' Statements

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement in support for the role and procedure of the seven Standing Policy Committees (SPCs) in the legislative consultation process.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding concerns relating to the power generation capacity and power supply availability following deregulation initiatives.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement in recognition of the expanded range of services provided by the Sturgeon Community Hospital.

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 November 23 to November 26, 1998:

Monday, November 23	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 48, 42
		Committee of the Whole
		As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 2
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, November 24 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Provincial Treasurer:
 Supplementary Supply Estimates
 tabled
Government Motions
 Government Motions
 35, 36, 37, 38
Second Reading or
Committee of the Whole
 As per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 Bill 2
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, November 25 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 General Revenue Fund (Day 1)
Committee of the Whole or
Third Reading
 And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, November 26 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Lottery Fund (Day 1)
Revert to Introduction of Bills
 Bill 49, Appropriation
 (Supplementary Supply) Act,
 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day
Third Reading
Committee of the Whole
 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 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

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 Bills:

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — 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 47 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 856/98

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 857/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, presented a petition from 54 Albertans requesting an amendment to the Labour Code regarding payment of overtime for film extras on statutory holidays.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 9 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 5 Chamber of Commerce members requesting public consultations regarding the current CPP (Canada Pension Plan) and the discussion of alternatives.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 86 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 to urge the Government of Alberta not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly condemns the assassination of Tara Singh Hayer and extends its condolences to his family.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1997-98
Sessional Paper 858/98

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 1996-97 for the Period April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997
Sessional Paper 859/98

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 1996-97
Sessional Paper 860/98

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 1997-98
Sessional Paper 861/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Standard and Poor's Canadian Focus excerpt article dated November 1998, entitled "Canadian Focus: Provincial Analyses - Alberta (Province of)" affirming the AA+ credit rating issued for the province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 862/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Sig Gutsche and the Calgary Stampeders Football Club offering congratulations on their 1998 Grey Cup victory

Sessional Paper 863/98

Letter dated November 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Dave Hayer, Indo-Canadian Times, offering condolences on behalf of the Government of Alberta on the passing of Tara Singh Hayer

Sessional Paper 864/98

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

Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 865/98

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 1997-98

Sessional Paper 866/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated June 29, 1990, from Hon. Mr. Johnston, former Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Mr. Klein, former Minister of Environment; Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, former Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife; and Hon. Mr. Elzinga, former Minister of Economic Development and Trade, to Mr. Stuart Lang, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc., regarding the Alberta-Pacific Project necessary permits and approvals

Sessional Paper 867/98

Edmonton Journal article undated, entitled "Japanese Must Pay: Grit MLA"

Sessional Paper 868/98

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

Letter dated November 20, 1998, from Valerie Nemeth to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 869/98

Letter dated November 19, 1998, from Mrs. Christine Burdett to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 870/98

Child and Adolescent Services Association (CASA): Advocates for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 871/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

19 letters from parents of Meyokumin School and the Meyokumin School Council expressing disappointment with the current level of public education funding

Sessional Paper 872/98

Letter dated September 11, 1998, from Greg Noval, Alberta Grazing Lease Holders Action Committee Executive Member, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with attached petition signed by over 250 grazing lease holders expressing opposition to the recommendations of the Thurber Committee's Interim Report on Agricultural Leases in Alberta (Thurber Report on Crown Grazing Leases in Alberta), dated May 1998

Sessional Paper 873/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 10, 1998, from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rivard and Mr. and Mrs. Normand Boissonneault, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern for the position of hog producers

Sessional Paper 874/98

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 875/98

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

Construction Alberta News, volume 23, number 92, dated November 16, 1998

Sessional Paper 876/98

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

Letter dated October 16, 1998, from Tom Thackeray, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding complaint investigation file no. 1473, with attached Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Investigation Report: Office of the Executive Council, dated October 16, 1998

Sessional Paper 877/98

Oral Question Period

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

Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS) Government Overview '98 excerpt page 3 highlighting rating considerations strengths as the political will to maintain fiscal discipline

Sessional Paper 878/98

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

Letter dated July 20, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, regarding the departmental plan to address workplace culture, and particularly sexual and personal harassment

Sessional Paper 879/98

Recognitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Sig Gutsche, players, coaches and staff on the 1998 CalgaryStampeders' Grey Cup Championship victory.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: 25 year anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 281.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: 2001 World Track and Field Championships, and the efforts of the bid committee.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Cripple Creek logging and the protective efforts of the Friends of the West Country, the Alberta Wilderness Association, and the Western Canada Wilderness Coalition.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: FINA (Fédération internationale de natation amateur) World Cup, November 27-28, 1998, a 1999 Swimming World Cup Championship series event.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of the Alberta Liberal Caucus and as Chairman of the Calgary Liberal Caucus: 1998 Calgary Stampeders' Grey Cup Championship victory.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Jack Hayden, President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

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 condemns the assassination of Tara Singh Hayer and extends its condolences to his family.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on April 7, 1998) that the Bill be amended in section 16 in the proposed section 44.2 by adding:

all party

after:

special

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: 8

Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Massey	Wickman
Gibbons	Paul	

Against the amendment: 32

Boutilier	Friedel	O'Neill
Broda	Graham	Paszkowski
Burgener	Haley	Severtson
Calahasen	Havelock	Strang
Cao	Herard	Taylor
Clegg	Jacques	Thurber
Ducharme	Klapstein	Trynchy
Dunford	Laing	West
Evans	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fischer	McClellan	Yankowsky
Forsyth	Melchin	

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 42 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 880/98

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 882/98

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 883/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Norwood on April 7, 1998) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 884/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 885/98

Mr. Clegg, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 42, Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Letter dated November 21, 1998, from Jake Kuiken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, to Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, regarding Bill 42, Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, relating to the Social Work Profession Act scope of practice
Sessional Paper 881/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

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. Robert A. Simpson, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, 1963 to 1971, who passed away recently.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 16 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 179 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 49 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 recognize the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market, and take steps to ensure that safe, affordable accommodation is available to every Albertan.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Question and Motion for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 25, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ97.

Motions for Returns: MR98.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Second Quarter Update: 1998-99 Quarterly Budget Report, release date November 24, 1998

Sessional Paper 886/98

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Second Quarter Investment Report 1998-99, Quarter ended September 30, 1998, dated November 1998

Sessional Paper 887/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Highlights of the Alberta Economy dated September 1998, produced by Alberta Economic Development

Sessional Paper 888/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail brief dated November 20, 1998, from William Dascavich and Steve Serna to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 889/98

5 e-mail letters dated November 11 and 12, 1998, expressing concern regarding the proposed City of Edmonton group home by-law requiring the licensing of group homes and the fee charge to foster parents

Sessional Paper 890/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 891/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 18, 1998, from Janet Cook, President, Catholic Women's League of Canada, Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the Provincial Catholic Women's League Convention held June 1998, in which a motion was passed to encourage all members to eliminate child poverty in Alberta and to also build affordable quality houses

Sessional Paper 892/98

Letter dated February 25, 1998, from Cheryl Trelford, Chair, Ronald Harvey Elementary School Council, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding financial support for public education by Government rather than through fund raising efforts

Sessional Paper 893/98

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

Letter dated October 5, 1992, from Bruce H. Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Safety Standards, Work and Safety Standards Division, Alberta Labour, regarding the certification program for manufacturers of pine shakes highlighting Alberta Labour's agreement to participate in a monitoring program

Sessional Paper 894/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ30 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

What process is in place to audit companies that are conducting field operations to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the Department of Environmental Protection were engaged in this type of work between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies were conducting field operations between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

Sessional Paper 895/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ31 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many full time staff equivalents in the Department of Environmental Protection were employed throughout Alberta in wildlife and fisheries management on January 1, 1997, how many transferred to work for the Alberta Conservation Association after its creation and how many staff were employed to manage fish and wildlife activities in the Department following completion of this transfer on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 896/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ32 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many landfills in Alberta are operated under an approval and how many operate under the registration process under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and in each category how many unannounced spot checks did Alberta Environmental Protection carry out between September 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, how many infringements were discovered, what was the nature of each infringement and what penalty was imposed in each case?

Sessional Paper 897/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ37 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993 for pollution control and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 898/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement as Minister Responsible for Human Rights, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the International Human Rights Conference "Universal Rights and Human Values: A Blueprint for Peace, Justice and Freedom" to be held November 26-28, 1998 in Edmonton; and International Human Rights Day, December 10, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated January 5, 1994, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, in response to a November 26, 1993 letter regarding the continued viability of the West Edmonton Mall

Sessional Paper 899/98

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, tabled the following:

Article undated, entitled "Child Rights, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund): About the Convention"

Sessional Paper 900/98

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

Letter dated November 24, 1998, from Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding the Ministry of Family and Social Services devolution of Children's Services to the Regional Authorities, with attached summary entitled "Front-line Staff Provide a Failing Grade to Government" and staff survey responses regarding the involvement of staff in the redesign of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 901/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child ratified December 11, 1991, by all provinces but Alberta.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the experiences of three constituents involved with the Maintenance Enforcement Program, and the overdue Maintenance Enforcement Review initiative.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement recognizing the debilitating effects of osteoporosis which causes bone fractures, and spoke to its prevention, early detection, and drug therapies initiatives.

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 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Forsyth speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to cap elementary class size (kindergarten to grade 7) at 18 students, and to limit the instructional load of secondary English, Mathematics, and Science teachers to 80 students.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), 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: 19

Blakeman	Laing	Pannu
Boutilier	Leibovici	Paul
Calahasen	Massey	Sapers
Carlson	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	O'Neill	Soetaert
Fritz	Olsen	Tannas
Hancock		

Against the motion: 35

Cardinal	Hierath	Melchin
Clegg	Hlady	Nelson
Day	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Ducharme	Klapstein	Renner
Dunford	Kryczka	Severtson
Fischer	Langevin	Strang
Forsyth	Lougheed	Taylor
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Yankowsky
Herard	McFarland	

Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

1998-99 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund (No. 3) and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 902/98

Government Motions

35. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

36. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

37. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1998

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 44 (Hon. Provincial Treasurer) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 904/98

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 44, Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Fact sheet undated, entitled “1998 Alberta Royalty Tax Credit Review Stakeholder Consultation Update”
Sessional Paper 903/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:17 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, NOVEMBER 24, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on November 23, 1998) that the Bill be amended by striking out section 2 and adding the following after section 4:

4.1 The following is added after Part 1:

Part 1.1
Principles

1.1 Every Member shall conform to the following principles;

- (a) Members of the Legislative Assembly shall act honestly and uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct as is expected of elected officials in democracies;

- (b) Members of the Legislative Assembly have an obligation to perform their duties of office and arrange their private affairs in a manner that promotes public confidence and trust in the integrity of each Member, that maintains the Assembly's dignity and that justifies the respect in which society holds the Assembly and its Members; and
- (c) Members of the Legislative Assembly, in reconciling their duties of office and their private interests, shall act with integrity and impartiality.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Dickson	MacDonald	Paul
Gibbons	Nicol	Sapers
Leibovici	Olsen	Sloan

Against the amendment: 34

Barrett	Hancock	Pham
Broda	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Smith
Cardinal	Jacques	Stelmach
Clegg	Jonson	Stevens
Coutts	Klapstein	Strang
Day	Kryczka	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Ducharme	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Marz	Woloshyn
Evans	Nelson	Yankowsky
Fritz		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 2 (Introduced the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on November 23, 1998)
— Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 905/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 27, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 906/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 907/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 908/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 909/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 910/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 911/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:18 p.m. until Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

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 20 Edmonton residents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents requesting the maintenance of day care operating allowances at 1997 funding levels until receipt of a comprehensive public review.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 793 Albertans expressing support for legislation requiring and enabling the regional authorities responsible for services for children and families to make quality child care accessible and affordable.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 123 Calgary and area residents expressing support for the adoption by Alberta of the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Alberta Legislative Assembly to consult with Albertans on the problems with the current CPP (Canada Pension Plan), and to discuss alternatives.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Speaker's Statement — Tabling Returns and Reports

The Chair would like to make a brief statement at this point in the proceedings about tablings. As Members may know, the practice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta is to allow Members great leeway with respect to tabling documents. This practice places an obligation on Members to act responsibly to ensure that the time of the House is not taken up unnecessarily on tablings and that those tablings conform with the practices of the House.

It has come to the Chair's attention that last Wednesday, November 18, 1998, photocopies of 500 postcards on Bill 219 were tabled in the Assembly which would be Sessional Paper 824/98. The next day it appears that photocopies of the same 500 postcards were tabled as Sessional Paper 847/98. The Chair would like to reiterate the comments made by the Deputy Speaker on August 20, 1996 that:

“With respect to duplicate tablings, clearly this cannot be allowed to continue. Members must police themselves and be responsible for their actions.”

The Chair also notes that public documents such as excerpts from Hansard or statutes of Alberta should not be tabled. The consequences of unnecessary tablings were referred to by the Speaker on April 11, 1995 when he said:

“The Chair wishes to avoid a situation where either the volume of tablings or the time spent in the Chamber on tablings becomes such that tablings have to be done through the Clerk's office, as is the case in some jurisdictions.”

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 1997-98, entitled “Renewal, growth, momentum, excellence”

Sessional Paper 912/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Housing Symposium - Affordable Housing for Albertans: Final Report, dated November 1998, produced by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 913/98

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

100 postcards expressing support for the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 914/98

U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child: Full Text of Articles Adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on November 20, 1989

Sessional Paper 915/98

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

Letter dated February 19, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, to all manufacturers of pine shakes regarding inspection results of pine shakes and highlighting that on only a few rare occasions has any mill, inspected by ARC (Alberta Research Council), achieved a grade of 7% or less

Sessional Paper 916/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request for Access to Information form dated August 10, 1998, with attached correspondence regarding Triple Five Corporation Ltd. refinancing proposal by Gentra and ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) referred to in the affidavit of Martin H. Walrath, dated November 6, 1998

Sessional Paper 917/98

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 918/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Early Intervention: Family Profile Portfolio ... The Future of Our Children, dated November 2, 1998, produced by First Steps Parent Council regarding the Capital Health Early Intervention Program

Sessional Paper 919/98

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

Agency sign-in sheet regarding a group meeting to consider National Child Day 1998, with comments relating to the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 920/98

202 postcards expressing support for the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 921/98

Recognitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Pinnacle Awards presented November 18, 1998, in recognition of entrepreneurial excellence.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Candace Jane Dorsey, author and YWCA Women of Distinction Award recipient.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society (NAARS).

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Alberta Medicare Coalition.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Pacific Northwest Economic Region conference on tourism held in Victoria, November 21-22, 1998.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Telus Mobility, National Quality Institute Award recipient.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Mount Royal College Applied Degree Program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ97. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Of the 12,000 written submissions, e-mails and records of telephone calls to the Private School Funding Task Force established in 1997, what was the breakdown of the numbers of those who made submissions in favour of increasing funding, those opposed to increasing funding, and those who were neutral on the issue?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ99, WQ100.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR98. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the 12,000 written submissions, e-mails and records of telephone calls to the Private School Funding Task Force established in 1997.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106.

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 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

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: 21

Blakeman	Forsyth	Massey
Bonner	Friedel	Nicol
Burgener	Havelock	Smith
Carlson	Hierath	Soetaert
Day	Hlady	Taylor
Dickson	Leibovici	White
Ducharme	Marz	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 32

Amery	Johnson	Nelson
Boutilier	Jonson	Olsen
Broda	Klapstein	Pham
Cardinal	Laing	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Severtson
Coutts	Lougheed	Shariff
Dunford	Lund	Stevens
Fritz	Magnus	Tannas
Gordon	McClellan	Thurber
Herard	McFarland	Yankowsky
Jacques	Melchin	

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

Bill 217 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Cardinal

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 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:10 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Family and Social Services

\$58,740,000 Operating Expense

Health

\$225,165,000 Operating Expense

Justice

\$4,298,000 Operating Expense

Municipal Affairs

\$13,442,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$130,000,000 Operating Expense

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

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: 25

Amery	Jonson	Pham
Boutilier	Langevin	Renner
Broda	Lund	Shariff
Burgener	Marz	Smith
Cardinal	McFarland	Stelmach
Coutts	Melchin	Stevens
Fritz	Nelson	Tarchuk
Jacques	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Johnson		

Against the motion: 7

Carlson	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Sapers	White
Leibovici		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. 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: 22

Amery	Jonson	Shariff
Broda	Langevin	Smith
Burgener	Lund	Stelmach
Cardinal	Marz	Stevens
Coutts	McFarland	Tarchuk
Fritz	Nelson	White
Jacques	Renner	Zwozdesky
Johnson		

Against the motion: 9

Boutillier	Leibovici	Pham
Carlson	Melchin	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert

The Assembly adjourned at 12:17 a.m. Thursday, November 26, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 9 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 introduce and support legislation requiring and enabling the regional authorities responsible for services for children and families to make quality child care accessible and affordable for all Alberta families.

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 maintain the operating allowance for day care centres at 1997 levels until a comprehensive public review of this funding is completed.

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 examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to amend the Legislative Assembly Act in such a manner as to make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislature each year, in the Spring and the Fall.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

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 the urgent need for a broad public debate on whether the Government of Alberta should implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 50 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated January 24, 1990, from Hon. Mr. Horsman, former Deputy Premier, former Government House Leader and former Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, to Hon. Mr. Clark, former Secretary of State for External Affairs, in response to a letter dated December 22, 1989, expressing support for the signing of the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child following legislative change prior to formal ratification

Sessional Paper 922/98

Letter dated December 4, 1991, from Hon. Mr. Horseman, former Deputy Premier, former Government House Leader and former Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, to Hon. Ms McDougall, former Secretary of State for External Affairs, regarding the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child expressing reservations regarding several Articles

Sessional Paper 923/98

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated November 15, 1998, from Dennis R. Ganzeveld, Chairman, Saddle Hills Awareness Committee, with attached petition signed by 1,082 Beaverlodge, Hythe, Valhalla, LaGlace and area residents expressing concern regarding recent acts of eco-terrorism

Sessional Paper 924/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 925/98

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

21 letters from Albertans to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the ratification of the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 926/98

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

Memorandum dated November 5, 1991, from George Pheasey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Work and Safety Standards, Alberta Labour, to Robin Ford, Deputy Minister, Alberta Labour, regarding pine shake roofing

Sessional Paper 927/98

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

300 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 928/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Pine shakes documentation covering the period 1981 to 1991, records released under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 929/98

Pine shakes documentation covering the period 1991 to 1992, records released under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 930/98

Pine shakes documentation covering the period 1992 to 1993, records released under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 931/98

Pine shakes documentation covering the period 1994 to 1997, records released under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 932/98

Pine shakes documentation covering the period 1998, records released under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 933/98

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

Fact sheet dated November 26, 1998, entitled "Quotations from Premier Klein on ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches)/West Edmonton Mall" with comments dated April 30, 1997; August 20, 1998; November 9, 1998; and November 12, 1998

Sessional Paper 934/98

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Letter dated November 25, 1998, from Dianne Abbott, Secretary/Treasurer, Friends of Old St. Mary's Girls School, with attached petition signed by 372 Calgary residents expressing support for a historic resource designation of St. Martin de Porres School (commonly known as the Old St. Mary's Girls School)

Sessional Paper 935/98

Letter dated November 25, 1998, from Roseleen Hedding, Alison Robertson, and Bob van Wegen, Alberta Historical Preservation and Rebuilding Society, with attached petition signed by 1,054 Calgary residents expressing support for a historic resource designation of the Grand Theatre/Lougheed Building in Calgary (commonly known as the Grand Lougheed)

Sessional Paper 936/98

Oral Question Period

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

News release dated June 18, 1998, entitled "Failure to Pay Employees Leads to Charges"

Sessional Paper 937/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding his earlier tabling of the letter dated November 15, 1998, from Dennis R. Ganzeveld, Chairman, Saddle Hills Awareness Committee, with attached petition signed by 1,082 Beaverlodge, Hythe, Valhalla, LaGlance and area residents expressing concern regarding recent acts of eco-terrorism.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and expressing support for the ratification of the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing John Komarkicki, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hurricane Hydrocarbons Ltd. upon being named the 1998 Prairies Region Entrepreneur of the Year.

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 November 30 to December 3, 1998:

Monday, November 30	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Second Reading
			Bill 49
			Committee of the Whole
			Bills 47, 48

			Third Reading
			Bills 44, 46, 47, 48, 38
			And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of the Whole
			Bills 21, 2
			And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, December 1	(4:30)	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of the Whole
			Bill 49
			Third Reading
			As per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of the Whole
			Third Reading
			And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, December 2	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of the Whole
			As per Order Paper
			Third Reading
			Bill 49
			And as per Order Paper
Thursday, December 3	Aft.	-	Adjournment following Routine (Premier's Lighting of the Lights)

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 this Assembly recognize the urgent need for a broad public debate on whether the Government of Alberta should implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Supplementary Supply 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 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for 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, 1999, for the purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$9,000,000

Municipal Transportation Infrastructure

\$130,000,000

Regional Coordination Initiative

\$10,000,000

Total Lottery Fund Payments

\$149,000,000

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 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Monday, November 30, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 30, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 762 Calgary and area residents regarding the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 160 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the urgent need for this Assembly to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child prior to the adjournment of the Fall Sitting, or failing this, to provide direction to the Standing Policy Committee of the Government Caucus as to how to proceed with such ratification.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Annual Report 1997-98
 Sessional Paper 938/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology:

Package containing: sunflower seeds, beef jerky, cashews, chocolate almonds, and a spittoon
 Sessional Paper 939/98

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

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 1997
 Sessional Paper 940/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-6.1, s13.4(2):

Alberta Securities Commission (ASC), Annual Report 1998
 Sessional Paper 941/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

19 letters from Lethbridge residents to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the wage disparity of care contracts for Lethbridge Family Services' DeCapo Program workers as funded through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board
 Sessional Paper 942/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 23, 1998, from Raymond Rivard, Legal pork producer, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern for the financial position of pork producers and requesting financial assistance
 Sessional Paper 943/98

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

Buffet World Claims Summary Report: Claims since September 30, 1993, dated October 28, 1998, describing claim number, type of claim, common themes, "spillages", and location of the file
 Sessional Paper 944/98

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

Fact sheet dated November 30, 1998, entitled "Federal - Provincial Correspondence Re: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child"
Sessional Paper 945/98

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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request for Access to Information form dated September 1, 1998, with attached correspondence regarding entities including: West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., Triple Five Corporation, Toronto Dominion Bank, Nomura Canada, TD Trust Company, and Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 946/98

Letter dated September 16, 1993, from Mr. Al N. Craig, Deputy Minister, Alberta Department of Economic Development and Tourism, to Mr. Richard Melchin, President, Three Sisters Resort Inc., regarding the Government's interest and support for the Bow-Canmore Corridor project with attached information regarding financial options for the development proposal

Sessional Paper 947/98

Recognitions

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: National Heritage Fair, to be held in Edmonton, July 12-19, 1999.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Noel Leis, Minister's Senior Service Award nominee.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 2001 World Triathlon Championships, to be held in Edmonton, August 18-19, 2001.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: World Cup Swimming Championships, November 28-29, 1998.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Eryn Bulmer, Aquatic Federation of Canada Female Athlete of the Year.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton hosting endeavors supported by volunteer efforts, and Volunteer Alberta.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Mark Versfeld, Aquatic Federation of Canada Male Athlete of the Year.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the urgent need for this Assembly to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child prior to the adjournment of the Fall Sitting, or failing this, to provide direction to the Standing Policy Committee of the Government Caucus as to how to proceed with such ratification.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona; Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

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

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 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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 47 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on November 19, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 948/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 8 is amended in the proposed section 14(4)(e) by adding “taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada), taxes under the Alberta Income Tax Act, taxes under the Alberta Corporate Tax Act”

after:

“except”.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

MacDonald	Olsen	Sapers
Nicol	Paul	Sloan

Against the amendment: 29

Boutilier	Graham	McClellan
Broda	Haley	McFarland
Burgener	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Jacques	Shariff
Day	Jonson	Stevens
Evans	Laing	Strang
Forsyth	Langevin	Yankowsky
Friedel	Mar	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 21, Part A (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 19, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 949/98

Amendment to Bill 21, Part B through Part E (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 19, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 950/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 951/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 952/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 953/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, presented a petition from 75 Cold Lake and area residents requesting public consultations regarding the current CPP (Canada Pension Plan) and the discussion of alternatives.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 63 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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 recognize the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market, and take steps to ensure that safe, affordable accommodation is available to every Albertan.

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 2, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Physician Interest Listing, developed by the Alberta Partnership for Health with the co-operation of the Alberta Medical Association and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 954/98

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ33 asked for by Mr. Mitchell on March 18, 1998:

What was the number of public servants employed by the Government within the age ranges of 25 years and under, 26 through 30 years, 31 through 45 years, 46 through 60 years, and over 60 years of age for the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

Sessional Paper 955/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ40 asked for by Mr. Mitchell on March 18, 1998:

What was the average age of, and number of, managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997; and what was the average age of, and number of, executive managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

Sessional Paper 956/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 957/98

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 958/98

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 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 959/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Government Response to the Auditor General's 1997-98 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 960/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated December 1, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Patricia Trottier, Chair, Calgary 2010 Olympic Winter Games Bid Team, expressing thanks for the team's efforts in attempting to win the bid

Sessional Paper 961/98

11 letters dated December 1, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to winning participants competing at the '98 Speedo FINA (Fédération internationale de natation amateur) World Cup of Swimming

Sessional Paper 962/98

Information package entitled "Reducing Discrimination and Fostering Equality" produced by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission

Sessional Paper 963/98

Information package entitled "Keep the Light on Human Rights, Call 1-800 Amnesty" produced by Amnesty International Group, with attached white candle

Sessional Paper 964/98

Information bulletin dated December 1, 1998, entitled "Alberta Marks National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women", with attached declaration dated December 6, 1998, entitled "Iqaluit Declaration of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Status of Women Ministers on Violence Against Women"

Sessional Paper 965/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Municipal Payment Schedule for the 1998 Senatorial Nominee Election entitled "Senatorial Selection 1998: Municipal Payment Schedule"

Sessional Paper 966/98

CKUA Radio Foundation: Investigation Pursuant to the Charitable Fund-Raising Act, dated November 20, 1997, prepared by Deloitte & Touche

Sessional Paper 967/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated December 1, 1998, entitled "Teachers Speak Out Against Bill 219: New Democrats Table Comments from Thousands of Postcards", prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 968/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters dated October 27, 1998, from Albertans to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for changes to the Alberta Insurance Act and Regulation

Sessional Paper 969/98

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

Hansard, November 30, 1998, excerpt page highlighting Hon. Mr. Mar's, Minister of Education, Oral Question Period response regarding level of government funding to public education, with attached excerpt pages from Alberta Public Accounts 1987-88 and 1988-89 for the Department of Education

Sessional Paper 970/98

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

Letter dated November 3, 1998, from Betty Connelly to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 971/98

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

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta (CGA Alberta), Annual Report 1998, entitled "Leaders in Business"

Sessional Paper 972/98

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

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

Sessional Paper 973/98

Alberta Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Annual Report June 1997

Sessional Paper 974/98

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

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Reports 1996-97, entitled "The Monitor: To Protect the Public and Guide the Psychology Profession, Spring 1997 Insert Issue"

Sessional Paper 975/98

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 976/98

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 entitled "1906 to 1996, A Year of Change"

Sessional Paper 977/98

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

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 978/98

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 979/98

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 980/98

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 (CA), Annual Report 1997, entitled "Where Visions Meet"

Sessional Paper 981/98

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (CA), Annual Report 1998, entitled "Change Through Vision"

Sessional Paper 982/98

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

Certified Management Accountants of Alberta (CMA), Annual Report 1996-97, entitled "Focus on the Future"

Sessional Paper 983/98

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the selection of Vancouver/Whistler for the 2010 Olympic Games, and recognizing the efforts of the Calgary bid committee chaired by Patricia Trotter.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement expressing support for reforms in other jurisdictions to address the needs of vulnerable children, and the need for Government support and policy initiatives in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Alberta Cancer Board's responsibilities for cancer treatment, research, education and prevention assisted with the establishment of the Alberta Cancer Research Endowment Fund and the Conquering Cancer campaign.

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 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

Second Reading

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

Bill 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Ms Paul:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide more support for women's shelters, for shelter programs and for spousal violence follow-up teams to ensure that abused women and children are not being turned away from these life-saving services.

A debate followed.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved the motion be amended as follows:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide *appropriate* support for *victims of family violence, through* shelter programs and spousal violence follow-up teams to ensure *a range of support services is provided for abused women, children and men.*

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put on the amendment, the amendment was agreed to. The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the motion as amended was agreed to unanimously.

At 4:26 p.m. Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to consideration of Government Bills and Orders.

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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 49 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 984/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 985/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 986/98

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner 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)

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the amendment to Bill 49, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3), which was defeated.

The Chairman immediately put the question proposing the approval of Bill 49, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3), which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 49 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on December 1, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 987/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR87 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 22, 1998:

Copies of all approved three-to-five-year strategic plans *that are publicly available* prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998.

Sessional Paper 988/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR89 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 22, 1998:

Summaries of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and amended schedules of MOUs between the Government and the Al-Pac joint venture and the joint venture partners for the period January 1, 1989 to January 26, 1998, setting out the obligations and commitments of the Government and the joint venture/joint venture partners to construct and operate a kraft pulp mill and paper mill

Sessional Paper 989/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR88 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 22, 1998:

A breakdown of the *\$1.196 million* in expenditures contained under Vote 3.1.4 Project Management/Transition, Department of Treasury, 1995/96 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 113, providing a breakdown of expenditures on consulting services, an identification of each fee-for-service contractor, and the nature of the project engaged in by fee-for-service contractors.

Sessional Paper 990/98

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Alberta Education School Grants Manual, appendix excerpt page 8 entitled "Grant Rates 1986, Part 3: School Grants to Private Schools 1986 and 1985", dated June 2, 1986; and appendix excerpt page 11 entitled "Grant Rates September 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989, Part 3: School Grants to Private Schools", dated September 1, 1988

Sessional Paper 991/98

Speech transcript given by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, MLA/MP (Member of the Legislative Assembly/Member of Parliament) Breakfast, Fall General Meeting, Alberta School Boards Association, 8:00 a.m., December 1, 1998, Westin Hotel, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 992/98

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

Proposal to Meet Immediate Priority Inner-City Shelter Needs for Single Adults in Edmonton, submitted to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services; Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs; and Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, submitted by the City/Provincial Homelessness Task Force, dated November 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 993/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Memorandum dated November 16, 1998, from Free the Children, Thickwood Heights School Chapter, Fort McMurray, to all Government Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for the signing of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 994/98

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

Fact sheet entitled "Calls to the Edmonton-Glenora Constituency Office about Alberta Treasury: September 1, 1998 - November 30, 1998" regarding Alberta Treasury Branch concerns, supplementary estimates, and other matters

Sessional Paper 995/98

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

6 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 996/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA), Three Year Business Plan 1997/98 - 1999/2000, dated June 1998

Sessional Paper 997/98

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization (APVAO), Annual Report 1997, produced by the Propane Gas Association of Canada Inc., dated June 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 998/98

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Three Year Business Plan
1998/99 - 2000/01

Sessional Paper 999/98

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 1000/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) in Alberta 1998 - 2001, Alberta Health's
Strategy: Draft for Discussion, dated June 1998

Sessional Paper 1001/98

Speaker's Statement — House Matters

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of 1998 as the Year of the Cowboy, and the registration of Alberta's provincial brand, with lapel pins being distributed to Members to commemorate the occasion.

The Speaker also announced the creation of the Alberta Youth Parliament, a joint venture of the Legislative Assembly and the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. The youth parliament will involve 83 grade 10 students on April 15-16, 1999.

Finally, the Speaker advised the Members that Dr. David McNeil, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, has been invited to take part in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Expert Group on Innovative Training Methods for Parliamentarians encompassing 140 parliamentary system jurisdictions.

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: provincial/federal joint call combination initiative coordinating call and processing systems regarding employment standards.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and the ninth anniversary of the École Polytechnique death of 14 women, December 6, 1989.

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: poem written by a member of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) to combat impaired driving.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Conference on Universal Human Rights and Human Values, co-sponsored by the University of Alberta, held in Edmonton.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Dr. Lorne Tyrrell, University of Alberta infectious disease specialist and advances in developing a new hepatitis B drug.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: community contribution of voluntary efforts by coaches, and the Sturgeon Heights School Division Junior High School Volleyball Competition, November 28, 1998, held at Sturgeon Composite High School.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc: 1998 Speedo FINA (Fédération internationale de natation amateur) World Cup of Swimming, November 27-28, 1998, held at the Kinsmen Sports Centre in Edmonton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ99, WQ100.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106.

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 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

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: 15

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Gibbons	Nicol	Soetaert
Leibovici	Olsen	White
MacBeth	Pannu	Wickman

Against the motion: 45

Boutilier	Graham	McClellan
Broda	Haley	Melchin
Burgener	Herard	Nelson
Cao	Hierath	O'Neill
Cardinal	Hlady	Pham
Clegg	Jacques	Renner
Coutts	Jonson	Severtson
Doerksen	Klapstein	Smith
Ducharme	Kryczka	Stevens
Dunford	Laing	Strang
Fischer	Langevin	Tannas
Forsyth	Lougheed	Taylor
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Fritz	Mar	Woloshyn
Gordon	Marz	Yankowsky

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

Bill 219 Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mrs. Burgener

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: 1

Burgener

Against the motion: 54

Blakeman	Herard	O'Neill
Bonner	Hlady	Oberg
Broda	Jacques	Olsen
Cao	Jonson	Pannu
Cardinal	Klapstein	Pham
Clegg	Kryczka	Renner
Dickson	Laing	Severtson
Doerksen	Langevin	Smith
Ducharme	Leibovici	Soetaert
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Fischer	Lund	Tannas
Forsyth	MacDonald	Tarchuk
Friedel	Magnus	Taylor
Fritz	Mar	Thurber
Gibbons	Marz	White
Graham	Massey	Wickman
Haley	Nelson	Woloshyn
Hancock	Nicol	Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question of the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

Debate resumed on Bill 38, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Thursday, December 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 1998

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

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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion to be moved Monday, December 7, 1998:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated December 3, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Dr. Sein Wein, Prime Minister, National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, expressing support for the campaign to create a democratic regime in Burma

Sessional Paper 1002/98

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 30, 1998, from Henry Chung to Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, regarding human rights issues in relation to refusal of a license renewal by the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), with attached four letters relating to the license denial

Sessional Paper 1003/98

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated December 3, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Lynne Duncan, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Career Development, offering congratulations to the Public Service United Way Committee and Robert Westbury for achieving a record setting 1998 Capital Region campaign

Sessional Paper 1004/98

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

Fact sheet entitled "Declaration on the Canadian Family", produced by the Ottawa Conference on the Family, October 1-3, 1998, as endorsed by Mr. Doerksen

Sessional Paper 1005/98

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

Letter dated November 25, 1998, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing thanks for attendance at the pine shakes meeting held at the Franklins Inn, Sherwood Park, September 23, 1998

Sessional Paper 1006/98

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

Letter dated December 3, 1998, from Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to Dr. Robert Westbury, United Way Campaign Chair, offering congratulations for achieving the \$10 million dollar goal for the 1998 United Way campaign

Sessional Paper 1007/98

Letter dated December 3, 1998, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Robert Westbury, United Way Campaign Chair, offering congratulations for achieving the \$10 million dollar goal for the 1998 United Way campaign

Sessional Paper 1008/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding the 1998-99 Smart Choices Impaired Driving program beginning December 1, 1998, to coincide with National Safe Driving Week, December 1-7, 1998, and outlined additional traffic safety programs created which include the Alberta Traffic Safety Initiative, a partnering effort by the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames Hockey Clubs, and the establishment of a Provincial Impaired Driving Committee.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement and expressed support for efforts to combat impaired driving.

Members' Statements

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing the Pine Lake Restoration Society for environmental efforts to restore Pine Lake following the 1991 Alberta Environment report, and in particular the voluntary efforts of Danny Fischer and Bill Wearmouth.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the lack of environmental commitment and habitat protection actions by the Government following the 1992 Special Places Program creation.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, read the "Declaration on the Canadian Family", produced by the Ottawa Conference on the Family, October 1-3, 1998, and expressed support for the Canadian family.

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 December 7 to December 10, 1998:

Monday, December 7	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 48, 38, 21	
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 48, 38, 21 Committee of the Whole Bill 2 Third Reading Bill 2	
	Tuesday, December 8	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 48, 38, 21, 2
		Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 48, 38, 21, 2
Wednesday, December 9	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading As per Order Paper	
Thursday, December 10	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading As per Order Paper	

Adjournment

Pursuant to notice given in Projected Government Business, Thursday, November 26, 1998, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 2:48 p.m. until Monday, December 7, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 7, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,284 Albertans requesting a historic designation for the Grand Theatre/Lougheed Building in Calgary.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 352 Calgary residents requesting a historic designation for the St. Martin de Porres School (commonly known as the Old St. Mary's Girls School) in Calgary.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 41 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 26 constituents expressing opposition to the hunting of bears in the spring.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion to be moved Tuesday, December 8, 1998:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly ask the Government of Canada to strongly urge the Government of Myanmar to release, immediately and unconditionally, all detained political leaders and political prisoners, and ensure their physical security and civil freedom to fully exercise their democratic rights and determine their future.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to refer the membership, terms of reference, and method of consultation to be employed by the Premier's Blue Ribbon Panel on Health Care to a Select Special Committee of this Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated December 7, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, to Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada, expressing concern regarding the political situation in Burma (Myanmar)

Sessional Paper 1009/98

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated December 3, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, in response to a question raised on December 2, 1998, regarding support of the Iqaluit Declaration by Alberta schools

Sessional Paper 1010/98

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question No. WQ97 asked for by Dr. Massey on November 25, 1998:

Of the 12,000 written submissions, e-mails and records of telephone calls to the Private School Funding Task Force established in 1997, what was the breakdown of the numbers of those who made submissions in favour of increasing funding, those opposed to increasing funding, and those who were neutral on the issue?

Sessional Paper 1011/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated November 30, 1998, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding recommendations for membership appointments to the Blue Ribbon Panel: Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta; Wendy Armstrong, Coordinator, Alberta Chapter of the Consumers Association of Canada; and Carol Kraychy, public member, Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons

Sessional Paper 1012/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding the establishment of a Joint Workforce Development Initiative, a strategic alliance between Alberta Transportation and Utilities and the highway construction industry to forecast the educational and workforce needs of the industry.

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

Recognitions

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: heroic efforts of bravery by Sonja Bonhol to save three children in her care during a trailer home fire.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School and Belmead Elementary School, West Edmonton Mall's Be True to Your School Campaign winners.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Garrett Everson, 1998 J.P. Metras Trophy recipient for excellence in football performance.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Imperial Oil's Strathcona Refinery, 50 year anniversary and the charitable contribution of Imperial Oil Charitable Foundation.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: local and international charitable efforts by individual volunteers and volunteer organizations during the festive season.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 1998, Citadel Theatre event in recognition of the day of mourning.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: spirit of giving during the Christmas and Hanukkah season by charitable organizations and community members.

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 ask the Government of Canada to strongly urge the Government of Myanmar to release, immediately and unconditionally, all detained political leaders and political prisoners, and ensure their physical security and civil freedom to fully exercise their democratic rights and determine their future.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to refer the membership, terms of reference, and method of consultation to be employed by the Premier's Blue Ribbon Panel on Health Care to a Select Special Committee of this Assembly.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 48, Election Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third reading of Bill 48, Election Amendment Act, 1998, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 38, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Third time, but be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purposes of reconsidering the proposed section 22.02(1).

Debate continued on the amendment.

Mr. Dickson moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

Debate continued.

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: 43

Amery	Haley	Nelson
Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Oberg
Cao	Hierath	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Day	Jonson	Stevens
Doerksen	Klein	Strang
Dunford	Laing	Tannas
Evans	Lougheed	Trynchy
Fischer	Lund	West
Forsyth	Marz	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 12

Bonner	MacBeth	Paul
Dickson	MacDonald	Sapers
Gibbons	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	Soetaert

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

39. Oral notice having been given Thursday, December 3, 1998, 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 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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	Fritz	McFarland
Boutilier	Haley	Nelson
Calahasen	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Havelock	Oberg
Cardinal	Hierath	Pham
Clegg	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Jacques	Severtson
Day	Johnson	Smith
Doerksen	Jonson	Stevens
Dunford	Klein	Strang
Evans	Laing	Trynchy
Fischer	Lougheed	West
Forsyth	Lund	Woloshyn
Friedel	Marz	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Bonner	MacBeth	Paul
Dickson	MacDonald	Sapers
Gibbons	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	Soetaert

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on December 1, 1998) that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 11 is amended by adding “, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS” before “and”.
- B. Section 12 is amended by adding the following after proposed section 21.1:
 - 21.2(1) Sections 19, 20 and 21(2) apply, with the necessary modifications, to the Chairs of Standing Policy Committees.
 - (2) For the purposes of sections 19(1) and 20(1) as they apply to the Chairs of Standing Policy Committees,
 - (a) with respect to a person who becomes a Chair of a Standing Policy Committee after this section comes into force, the period is 60 days after becoming the Chair of a Standing Policy Committee
 - (b) with respect to a person who is the Chair of a Standing Policy Committee on the coming into force of this section, the period is 60 days after the coming into force of this section,
 or such longer period as may be prescribed by the Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, which was defeated, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Bonner	MacBeth	Paul
Dickson	MacDonald	Sapers
Gibbons	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	Soetaert

Against the amendment: 41

Amery	Fritz	Nelson
Boutilier	Haley	O'Neill
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberg
Cao	Havelock	Pham
Cardinal	Hierath	Renner
Clegg	Hlady	Severtson
Coutts	Jacques	Smith
Day	Johnson	Stevens
Doerksen	Jonson	Strang
Dunford	Laing	Trynchy
Evans	Lougheed	West
Fischer	Lund	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Marz	Zwozdesky
Friedel	McFarland	

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:14 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:15 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:16 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 2 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on December 1, 1998) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1013/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:18 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

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

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 designate the Grand Theatre/Lougheed Building in Calgary, in recognition of its tremendous historical value and importance to the people and 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 to designate as a historic resource the St. Martin de Porres School, commonly known as the Old St. Mary's Girls School, built in 1909, located at 1916 - 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, 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 not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 9, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ41 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 25, 1998:

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many *permanent positions and full-time equivalents were included in this budget*; how many of these were *permanent park ranger positions*, and what are the comparable figures for the *fiscal year 1996/97*?

Sessional Paper 1014/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ42 asked for by Mr. White on March 25, 1998:

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional *and District* Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

Sessional Paper 1015/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR43 asked for by Mr. White on March 25, 1998:

A copy of the *meeting summaries and council reports* of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996 to the present.

Sessional Paper 1016/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR44 asked for by Mr. White on March 25, 1998:

A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the *1997 calendar year*.

Sessional Paper 1017/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR53 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 25, 1998:

A copy of the plan for risk management at each of the 12 priority orphan sites identified under the Help Eliminate Landfill Pollution Program, as referred to on page 9 of the 1996/97 Annual Report of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Sessional Paper 1018/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

21 letters from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch of the Lifesaving Society award recipients as commendation for personal bravery

Sessional Paper 1019/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR52 asked for by Mr. Dickson on March 25, 1998:

Final drafts or copies of transcripts of speeches for each of the Deputy Ministers in the Department of Health for the period of February 1, 1995 until January 31, 1998.

Sessional Paper 1020/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 1021/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Charitable Gaming in Alberta: 1997-98 in Review, produced by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, dated October 1998

Sessional Paper 1022/98

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

6 letters dated July 25, 1997 to September 23, 1998 between Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, and Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, regarding information requests relating to the provincial loan to Centennial Food Corporation

Sessional Paper 1023/98

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

5 letters dated December 3, 1998, from Michael S. Carlson (unsigned) to Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding comments made relating to compliance with the federal gun registry legislation

Sessional Paper 1024/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Canadian Business article dated December 11, 1998, entitled "Bright Lights, Big Mistake: Let the Eastern Bastards Freeze in the Dark!", written by Andrew Nikiforuk

Sessional Paper 1025/98

Members' Statements

Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Bill 1, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act, and the Government and stakeholder protective efforts to combat child victimization through prostitution.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the registration of Alberta's provincial brand, the Government program of brand registry and inspection with the creation of Livestock Identification Services, and requesting the transfer of the funds received for lifetime brand registration fees to Livestock Identification Services.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding financial difficulties of farmers, Government financial assistance programs, and in particular the hardships faced by hog producers as demonstrated by a December 5, 1998 protest in Camrose.

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 220 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a matter of want of a quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). Mrs. Gordon, the Acting Speaker, ruled that the number of Members present in the Assembly at the point of raising the matter would differ from the number of Members now present, several Members having re-entered to form a quorum.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

517. Moved by Mr. Coutts:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage member legislatures of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) to increase their roles and participation in the organization, including the adoption of the Alberta model of public and private sector partnership.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

At 4:25 p.m. the Acting Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Government business. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

518. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to address the unequal treatment in pension benefits for widows and widowers of WCB claimants who were widowed before January 1, 1982, and those widowed subsequent to that date.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Ms Fritz 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: 44

Boutilier	Haley	Oberg
Burgener	Hancock	Paszkowski
Cao	Havelock	Pham
Clegg	Hierath	Renner
Coutts	Jacques	Severtson
Day	Johnson	Smith
Doerksen	Jonson	Stevens
Ducharme	Laing	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Evans	Lund	Tarchuk
Fischer	Mar	Trynchy
Forsyth	Marz	West
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Gordon	O'Neill	

Against the motion: 13

Barrett	MacBeth	Paul
Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Bonner	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Olsen	White
Leibovici		

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Barrett speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, that the question be now put, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Broda	Jacques	Pham
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Clegg	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Laing	Strang
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tannas
Friedel	Magnus	Taylor
Gordon	Mar	Thurber
Graham	McClellan	Trynchy
Haley	McFarland	West
Hancock	Melchin	Woloshyn
Havelock	Nelson	Yankowsky
Herard	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 9

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Soetaert

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 21, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on December 7, 1998) that the motion be amended by deleting all words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 38, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Third time, but be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purposes of reconsidering the proposed section 22.02(1).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 38, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

40. Oral notice having been given Monday, December 7, 1998, Hon. Mr. Havelock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 40 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 34 agreed to by the Assembly on November 17, 1998, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 15, 1999

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 Second
Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Alberta:

Paul Bourque,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 15, 1999, 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 Third
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 16th day of
February, 1999, 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 Twenty-
seventh day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Ninety-nine in the Forty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JON HAVELOCK,
Provincial Secretary.