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Tuesday, February 16, 1999

This being the first Day of the Third 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 twenty-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine;

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 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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1999

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:

HON. JON HAVELOCK,
Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer and in recognition of the International Year of Older Persons, 1999, he invited the Central Lions Seniors Choir to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker spoke about the various model parliaments conducted by a number of organizations in the Chamber outside of Session.

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

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

On the eve of the year 2000, Alberta is strong. In responding to the challenges of further economic growth, and to the needs of the people it serves, my Government strives to strike the right balance. It will remain fiscally responsible. And it will keep working with Albertans on steady, targeted action on their priorities, especially health, education, the economy and the environment.

Our Government must make careful choices within the constraints of its budget, declining revenues and the uncertain global economy. It will continue to invest carefully in health, education, advanced education, social services and infrastructure. While protecting these areas, the Government will continue its leadership role in taxation. It will chart an innovative, new course, ensuring that Albertans' taxes remain the lowest in Canada. Our Government will maintain a balanced budget. And having worked towards paying off the net provincial debt during the next year, it will introduce a new debt repayment plan to see us into the new century.

In the first and foremost priority area of health, there will be a predictable funding base for the Province's 17 Regional Health Authorities, to help meet the needs of a growing and aging population. There will be more emphasis on preventing illness and injury, and on promoting healthy lifestyles, through efforts like a metabolic screening program for newborns. The Government will review mental health services for children, and improve the delivery of mental health services in our communities. Service will improve further in important areas like surgeries and diagnostics.

The Government will complete its review of long-term care. This review will feed into a broad initiative to assess the impact of an aging population on all Government programs for our seniors, and will help Alberta prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by an aging population over the next 15 to 20 years. These efforts will culminate in a forum on seniors in late 1999, and are most appropriate in this, the International Year of Older Persons.

To improve patient care, our Government will continue to develop a province-wide system of health-related information. It will introduce new legislation to protect information related to Albertans' personal health. As well, there will be legislation to give Government further authority to protect our publicly funded health system. This will ensure the province's ability to comply with the Canada Health Act.

A provincial health summit, to be held later this month, will give recommendations on how to ensure that Albertans continue to have access to a high-quality, affordable and publicly sustainable health care system.

Children are our future, and a key priority for our Government. It will complete a new system of delivering more integrated and preventive services for children and families through 18 regional authorities, as part of the Children's Initiative. Several Government departments will coordinate their efforts through the Children's Secretariat. The Government will place more emphasis on early intervention, to prevent problems from occurring. It will promote the healthy development of young Albertans by monitoring key indicators of their health, such as the rate of babies with low birth weights, and by enabling students with special needs, like occupational therapy, to get the health care that they need, in their own school.

Our Government will provide further support for children in low-income families through the National Child Benefit program. It will boost efforts to find adoptive families for children in its permanent care. And it will host a forum on children's issues this fall to explore further ways to improve the well-being of our children.

The Government will reshape programs to help persons with disabilities participate more fully in society. It will act on the recommendations from the Summit on Lotteries and Gaming, including increasing problem gambling treatment and prevention, and establishing a gaming research institute, to examine issues related to gaming, which will provide the basis for future policies. And in a national context, it will continue to improve and clarify the relationship between governments on social policy; and to reform the Canada Pension Plan; and to work to improve the federal system as a whole.

Ensuring that our young people receive a quality education is another priority for Albertans. Our students are doing well, but the Government will focus further on literacy and computer literacy. Math teachers in junior and senior high schools will receive training to help students with the new math curriculum. Aboriginal children will get more access to curriculum and resources to meet their learning needs. Students who are in short-term institutional placements like custody for young offenders, and who have complex special needs, will have better access to these services. And an audit of the province's school buildings will lead to safer and healthier learning environments.

In Advanced Education, our Government aims to double the number of post-secondary students in the fields of computing, communications technology, physics and computer-related engineering over the next two years. To that end, there will be 23,000 more spaces for post-secondary students through the Access Fund. There will be a new, province-wide network of adult learning called Campus Alberta to make programs more accessible, and to create seamless pathways from diplomas through degrees, and between formal and informal continuing education.

Alberta's next priority is the economy. We can expect continued growth, but not at the robust levels of the last two years. In 1998, employment in our province grew by 57,000 jobs or nearly four per cent, the highest rate in Canada; our average unemployment rate was tied at a national low of 5.7 per cent; and there were 600 major capital projects valued at \$46 billion under construction.

Our Government will build on these successes by continuing to diversify our economy, especially in the development of new technologies. It will strive to increase the number of Albertans working in the information and communications technology sector from 40,000 today, to 75,000 by the year 2005. And it will promote the Alberta Advantage through efforts like the recently completed trade mission to the American Pacific Northwest and Mexico, and expanded training at the CNPC-Alberta Petroleum Centre in Beijing, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

Our Government will work towards ensuring that all Alberta schools, businesses and homes have high-speed access to information, government services, lifelong learning and electronic commerce through the Internet by early in the next century. It will link municipalities, interested groups and government electronically, and upgrade aging computer systems.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining Alberta's infrastructure, our Government will begin to review the management of transportation facilities in this Province with a view to using funds most efficiently. It will continue work on the North-South Trade Corridor, including harmonized regulations for the movement of trucks from Canada to Mexico. It will encourage action on the recommendations in the Estey Report to improve the transportation of grain, and to save money for producers. It will reintroduce revised legislation consolidating all of its traffic safety laws, following further consultation with Albertans.

In the area of energy, customers will be able to choose their retailer of electricity, starting with major commercial enterprises on April 1, 1999. The Government will streamline the administration of oil sands tenure and mining approvals. It will improve geological information on minerals to attract increased investment. It will work with the federal and other provincial governments to settle the issue of jurisdiction over pipelines. In consultation with the industry, it will implement recommendations from its joint review of business rules for natural gas royalties, and it will create a policy on developing non-energy minerals.

The "agri" industry remains a significant contributor to Alberta's economy. Our Government continues to encourage the growth of agricultural value-added production. In agriculture, we will see a long-term strategy to monitor water quality, developed by Government, industry and other interested parties. There will be new provincial standards for the construction and operation of livestock feeding operations to complement municipal decisions on land use. After two and a half years of public consultation, the Government will introduce a new framework for the governance of irrigation districts. It will continue to support farmers with effective risk management tools such as the Farm Income Disaster Program, which is being emulated in other provinces. And our Government will bring together producers from Alberta and Montana to alleviate concerns over the movement of commodities across the international border.

There will be a new, more accountable framework for Alberta's tourism industry, overseen by a new Strategic Tourism Marketing Council. Reflecting the shared responsibility for marketing tourism, the Government will contract out marketing programs, while focusing on areas such as research and image control, and leading a joint effort with the private sector to raise Alberta's profile internationally. Our Government will take part in the 1999 International Travel Exposition in Kangwon, Korea, celebrating the 25th anniversary of Kangwon's twinning with our province.

In advanced technology, the Government will work with its partners in the post-secondary and industrial sectors to increase the research and development of new technologies in Alberta. There will be further partnerships to foster investment in key areas like biotechnology and information and communications technology, through the Science and Research Fund.

Further reforms to the governance, registration, continuing competence and conduct of professionals in the fields of health, accounting and forestry will make these procedures more transparent, while continuing to protect the public. Our Government will help to safeguard entitlements earned by members of employee pensions, and to ensure that employers and plan members are treated equitably. And it will modernize its insurance laws to benefit consumers through measures such as safeguarding the solvency of insurance companies, and removing barriers to competition in marketing.

Another priority for our Government is caring for Alberta's precious natural environment. To that end, it is reviewing the Province's environmental regulations to ensure that it maintains the most stringent standards in North America. The Government will strengthen further the protection of our natural heritage by consolidating legislation, and by revising its system of classes of protected areas and recreation areas, to clarify the purpose of, and the management of, sites within each class. It will convene a roundtable on climate change with interested Albertans to develop a plan to cut the emission of greenhouse gases, and to recommend a strategy for climate research and technology, emphasizing Alberta's environmental and energy advantage.

The Government will ensure that the high quality of water in Alberta is protected through the new Water Act, which took effect last month. It will investigate the feasibility of a program to help flood-prone communities to protect themselves. And it will complete four new sub-agreements harmonizing environmental legislation on a national basis.

In other important initiatives, our Government will present a new housing policy to address short-term pressures on, and the longer-term requirements of, Albertans with needs.

In this centennial year of the signing of Treaty 8, the Government will work with Ottawa to resolve outstanding claims under that treaty. Recognizing that aboriginal Albertans should have access to the same opportunities and quality of life as others, it will prepare a framework for aboriginal policy, clarifying Albertans' relationship with aboriginal people in the province, and encouraging capacity-building and self-reliance.

The Government will act on recommendations from the Justice Summit held last month. It will make it easier and more effective for separated and divorced parents to enforce court-ordered maintenance of, and access to, their children. It will target organized crime together with police chiefs and the R.C.M.P., through a provincial strategy starting this April 1.

Our Government will continue to support Alberta's thriving arts, libraries and cultural sectors, which contribute up to \$2 billion in economic activity each year, and are essential to its commitment to lifelong learning and a high quality of life for Albertans. Beginning this April 1, the new Film Development Grant Program will provide \$5 million in grants to support Alberta-based film-makers.

Having worked to combat the so-called Millennium Bug on a Government-wide basis since 1996, the Government will ensure that its computer systems are Year 2000-ready on schedule, by next month.

And our Government will continue to listen to Albertans and give them further links to Government, such as a permanent toll-free telephone number, secondly, a new site on the Internet, and thirdly, quarterly reporting incorporating information in addition to its finances.

Fellow Albertans, we are blessed to live in a province which is the pride of a country repeatedly declared by the United Nations to have the highest quality of life in the world. Our Government thanks our municipalities, our teachers and school boards, our health care professionals, our police services, our volunteers, and our community organizations, and everyone else who has worked so hard to serve the people of this magnificent Province.

My Government will keep working with Albertans to strike the right balance; to provide quality programs and services at a sustainable cost; and to build an even better Alberta as we approach a new century, and a new millennium.

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 "Fiscal Responsibility 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 1/99

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. Mr. Havelock:

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

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

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

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

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

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	Olsen
Barrett	Hierath	O'Neill

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

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

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

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

White (Chairman)	Hlady	O'Neill
Shariff (Deputy Chairman)	Johnson	Pannu
Amery	Klapstein	Sapers
Blakeman	Lougheed	Stevens
Ducharme	Melchin	Yankowsky
Hierath	Olsen	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

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

Sessional Paper 2/99

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

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved by the Assembly:

that Dr. Pannu replace Ms Barrett,
that Ms Haley replace Ms Forsyth.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:49 p.m. until Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 2,341 Camrose and area residents expressing support for the widening of Highway 13 east of Camrose.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 400 Northern Alberta residents regarding the difficult financial position of Alberta's pork producers and expressing concern regarding the current level of pork prices.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 543 Albertans regarding the difficult financial position of Alberta's pork producers and expressing concern regarding the current level of pork prices.

Notices of Motions

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 public importance, namely the crisis created by the shortage of acute care hospital beds in Calgary and Edmonton.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(b) in order to allow for the introduction of the following Bills:

Bill 201 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Strang

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 3/99

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, 1998

Sessional Paper 4/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

General Revenue Fund: Details of Expenditure by Payee, Year Ended March 31, 1998 including Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other

Sessional Paper 5/99

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Allowance and Travel Expense Report for each Government Member's constituency for the twelve months ending March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 6/99

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

Creating Excellence Together: Accreditation Standards Draft, updated November 16, 1998, produced by the Alberta Association of Rehabilitation Centres, dated November 1998

Sessional Paper 7/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Memorandum dated June 12, 1991, from the City of Calgary, City Clerk's Department to Mayor Duerr, regarding Report of the Assessment, Tax and License Department on the Discussion Draft Legislation Papers on: the Alberta Municipal Assessment Corporation Act, Property Assessment Act, and the Proposed Municipal Government Act (Part 8), with attached Commissioners' Report dated May 28, 1991

Sessional Paper 8/99

Letter dated December 22, 1992, from Jan Reimer, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding Bill 51, Municipal Government Act, and the White Paper for the Property Assessment Act, with attached submission by the City of Edmonton to the Minister of Municipal Affairs
Sessional Paper 9/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Submission to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session) Review Panel, with attached news release dated December 4, 1998, entitled "Blue Ribbon Panel on Bill 37 Named," and Ontario Chapter I.3 entitled "Independent Health Facilities Act"

Sessional Paper 10/99

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

Submission to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session) Review Panel, dated January 1999, produced by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 11/99

Submission to the Friends of Medicare Public Review Panel on the State of Health Care, dated February 10, 1999, produced by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 12/99

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Members' Services Order 1/99, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 4), dated January 26, 1999, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 13/99

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

Letter dated February 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding House Procedures for the Third Session, Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Sessional Paper 14/99

Allowance and Travel Expense Report for the Barrhead-Westlock constituency for the twelve months ending March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 15/99

Allowance and Travel Expense Report for the Barrhead-Westlock constituency for the twelve months ending March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 16/99

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

APSHA (Alberta Pine Shake Homeowners Association) Registration and Information Sheet

Sessional Paper 17/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing Freedom to Read Week, February 14 to 21, 1999, and the vital role of libraries in providing electronic access to information for life-long learning.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from David J. Manning, President, CAPP (Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers), to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding CAPP's support for the Special Places 2000 initiative

Sessional Paper 18/99

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Quang Dang, member of the Canadian National Indoor Field Hockey Team.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: three Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA) contest winners, Freidrich Fischer, Willo Ruschfeldt and Anna Dolega, recognized for logo design to mark the 100th anniversary of CCJA.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Black History Month, February 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Chinese Lunar New Year and Vietnamese Tet.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: four Alberta students, Michael Klassen, Brad Krawchuck, Trevor Segstro and Kevin Seidel, recipients of the Charles S. Noble Junior A Hockey Scholarships.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Southern Alberta grass fire occurring February 6, 1999, south of Fort Macleod.

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 the crisis created by the shortage of acute care hospital beds in Calgary and Edmonton.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health; Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark; and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader.

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

Speaker's Statement — Deputy Government House Leader

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to make a brief statement related to the appointment of the Honourable Member from Medicine Hat as Deputy Government House Leader. Although this position has typically been held by a member of Executive Council, there is nothing in our rules that prevents a Private Member from occupying the post. In fact, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta are silent on the position of Deputy Government House Leader. The Chair's research indicates that designating a Private Member to the position is not unique in Canada. There are certain functions, however, that under our Standing Orders and by convention may only be performed by members of Executive Council or, in other words, by a Minister. In an effort to be fair to the Honourable Member and to ensure that the time of the House is not taken up by questions later on, the Chair would like to review the scope of the Member's activities as Deputy Government House Leader.

In general, it is the Chair's view that any activity that may be performed by the Government House Leader under our Standing Orders may be performed by the Deputy Government House Leader. Where the Standing Orders are silent as to who may do something, it is assumed that a Private Member can perform the function unless there is a convention or longstanding practice to the contrary. Accordingly, a Private Member may, as Deputy Government House Leader:

- move adjournment motions including those indicated in Standing Orders 4(1) and 4(3);
- provide information on Thursdays concerning projected Government Business pursuant to Standing Order 7(5);
- on Tuesdays, give notice of which Written Questions or Motions for Returns will be dealt with the following day as referred to in Standing Order 34(2)(a);
- on Wednesdays, when the item is called by the Clerk under Orders of the Day, move the motion regarding which Written Questions or Motions for Returns will be taken up that day and which ones will stand and retain their places;
- move Second or Third readings of Government Bills except Bills requiring the Royal Recommendation as being money Bills under Standing Order 79, or those Bills which are tax Bills and must be moved by a Minister;
- if required, move the motion that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Committee of the Whole.

Given the requirements in our Standing Orders and practices of this Assembly, there are certain things that may not be done by a Private Member such as:

- move motions appearing on the Order Paper under Government Motions as these may only be placed on the Order Paper by a Minister;
- move any closure motions pursuant to Standing Order 21;
- accept, reject or amend Written Questions or Motions for Returns as under Standing Order 34 this may only be done by a member of the Executive Council;
- move a supply resolution relating to a portion of the estimates under Standing Order 57(7);
- move motions under Standing Order 58(6) to determine:
 - (a) the number of days that the Committee of Supply and its subcommittees may be called, or
 - (b) the dates and the number of departments' estimates that may be designated by the Leader of the Official Opposition for consideration by the Committee of Supply;
- move that a Bill introduced by a Private Member be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders as under Standing Order 71 that must be done by a member of the Executive Council;
- as previously indicated, move a money Bill or a tax Bill.

It is the Chair's hope that this list is comprehensive enough to address the matters that will concern the House during this Session. The Chair would also like to offer congratulations to the new Government House Leader, the Honourable Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, and to the Honourable Member for Calgary Buffalo who is the new Opposition House Leader. The Chair, the Chairman of Committees and the Deputy Chairman of Committees look forward to working with these individuals who, together with the Honourable Member for Edmonton Strathcona, have the primary responsibility on behalf of their respective caucuses for the conduct of the business in this Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions and Motions for Returns

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), Written Questions and Motions for Returns would normally be addressed at this time, however, as there were none appearing on the Order Paper, the Assembly would move on to the next order of business.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 201 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved the motion be amended to read:

That Bill 201, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that a comprehensive review of landlord and tenant legislation is required, involving extensive consultation with concerned stakeholders, before proceeding with this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mrs. Fritz moved the following motion, seconded by Mr. Strang:

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. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Article undated entitled "Re-investment Fables: Educational Finances in Alberta," written by Dean Neu

Sessional Paper 19/99

Debate continued.

Dr. Pannu moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Thursday, February 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 18, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

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

Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Investigation Report 98-IR-009 regarding Executive Council, Investigation Number 1473 dated February 18, 1999, with attached news release dated February 18, 1999

Sessional Paper 20/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Presentation to the Lakeland Health Authority by the Staff of Bonnyville Centralized High School, Bonnyville, Alberta, dated January 21, 1999, produced by Mr. Vic Sadlowski, Principal

Sessional Paper 21/99

News release dated September 11, 1998, entitled "Health Minister Announces Lakeland Regional Health Authority Members," with attached backgrounder entitled "Appointments for Lakeland Regional Health Authority (Region 12)"

Sessional Paper 22/99

Report #1: Comments on the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's Deficit Elimination Plan, submitted to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, by George B. Cuff, CMC, George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd.

Sessional Paper 23/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ58 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 1, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 24/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Report #1: Comments on the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's Deficit Elimination Plan, submitted to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, by George B. Cuff, CMC, George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd.

Sessional Paper 25/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR67 asked for by Ms Paul on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all agreements and amended agreements signed by the Government between January 1, 1990 and January 26, 1998, pertaining to the WESTAIM Initiative.

Sessional Paper 26/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated January 14, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Dr. David Townsend, Faculty of Education, University of Lethbridge, regarding comments made in the Assembly on November 24, 1998, with respect to funding for a private research project

Sessional Paper 27/99

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to the Editor, Edmonton Journal, regarding an article written by Liane Faulder endorsing the book "Contested Classrooms"

Sessional Paper 28/99

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

Petition signed by 161 senior citizens from the Bonnyville Senior Citizens Society, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding development of a Deficit Elimination Plan by the Lakeland Regional Health Authority and the Bonnyville Health Regional Health Centre, with attached submission dated January 21, 1999, to the Lakeland Regional Health Authority Forum expressing concern regarding the possible loss of either acute care or Community Health Unit services

Sessional Paper 29/99

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Dr. Kathleen Biersdorff, Director (on behalf of the Research Department), VRRRI (Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding financial support for people with disabilities through AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Programs as recently surveyed

Sessional Paper 30/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Alberta Women's Institutes, with a current membership of over 1,300 women working in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to promote local farm safety programs and other community efforts.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, also expressed support for the contribution made by the Alberta Women's Institutes.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, made a statement regarding efforts by the Voluntary Challenge and Registry (VCR) to encourage public and private sector organizations to voluntarily limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as recognized at the Second Annual Council of Champions Leadership Awards Dinner held on Thursday, February 11, 1999, Hull, Quebec.

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, Hon. Glen Findley, Minister of Manitoba Highways and Transportation, Hon. Judy Bradley, Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, and Hon. Harry Lali, Minister of British Columbia Transportation and Highways, regarding coordinated efforts to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the grain handling and transportation system with support for recommendations in the Estey Grain Review Report

Sessional Paper 31/99

Letter dated March 10, 1998, from Hon. Judy Bradley, Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, and Eric Upshall, Minister of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, to Mr. Justice Willard Z. Estey, Head, Grain Review Secretariat, with attached submission from the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia to the Federal Grain Review, dated March 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 32/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Calgary Taxi Commission request to Associated Cabs to remove bumper stickers depicting the maple leaf.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, read a letter received from a parent of a Dan Knott Junior High School student expressing concern regarding financial constraints causing a loss of professional staff, student services, and educational supplies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding Team Alberta's 324 athletes and coaches competing at the 1999 Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999, to March 6, 1999.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 22 to February 25, 1999:

Monday, February 22

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 1, 2, 3, 4

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

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 1, 2, 3, 4

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

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, February 23	(4:30)	-	Government Bills and Orders Government Motions Easter and Sessional Adjournment Motions (No. 6 and 7) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, February 24	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Supplementary Supply Messages and Government Motions Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 5, 7, 10 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper
Thursday, February 25	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 5, 7, 10 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Monday, February 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 22, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 64 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government that the section of Highway 13 from Camrose to Daysland be widened with work to commence in 1999 and completion in the year 2000.

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 to consider increasing the funding of children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett
- Bill 205 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery
- Bill 206 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Fischer
- Bill 207 Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 209 Alberta Wheat and Barley Board Act — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing
- Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham
- Bill 212 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 213 Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Health Act — Mrs. Fritz
- Bill 214 Independent Advocate for Children Act — Mrs. Sloan
- Bill 215 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Cao
- Bill 216 Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act — Dr. Pannu
- Bill 217 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Coutts
- Bill 218 Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Act — Mr. Dickson
- Bill 219 Insurance (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 220 Motor Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding only three Members of the Official Opposition being offered Official Observer status at the Health Summit to be held February 25-27, 1999, in Calgary, with attached list of all Liberal Opposition Members

Sessional Paper 33/99

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding only three Members of the Official Opposition being offered Official Observer status at the Health Summit to be held February 25-27, 1999, in Calgary, with attached list of all Liberal Opposition Members

Sessional Paper 34/99

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

3 e-mail messages dated February 15, 1999, from Lindsey Baceda and Tracie Baceda, expressing support for legislation prohibiting impaired driving, as personally experienced through the loss of a family member in a vehicle accident which occurred October 3, 1998

Sessional Paper 35/99

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

Letter dated February 18, 1999, from Fred D. Holtslag, President, Alberta Pine Shakes Homeowners Association, to the St. Albert Gazette regarding information presented in a published letter from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, published in the February 17, 1999 issue

Sessional Paper 36/99

Recognitions

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: 100th graduate of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC) substance abuse program.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Black History Month, February 1999, and efforts by the National Black Coalition of Canada (NBCC).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Hindi Language Resource Centre opening, February 20, 1999, and the Annual India Day, February 21, 1999.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Aurora School and efforts by the library committee.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Random Acts of Kindness Week, February 8-14, 1999, efforts by Colleen Ring and Debbie Riopel for its creation, and the first World Kindness Day, November 13, 2000.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Calgary school council members and their strong advocacy for excellence in public education.

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 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein

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

Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to consider increasing funding of children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 24, 1999:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated February 16, 1999, from Lyle S.R. Kanee, Alberta Section, Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers (CALL), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding appointments to the Alberta Labour Relations Board

Sessional Paper 37/99

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

Building Confidence in Our Health System for the Future: Report of the Health System Funding Review Committee, produced by Alberta Health, dated August 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 38/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) attendance at the Health Summit to be held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999

Sessional Paper 39/99

1998 Survey About Health and the Health System in Alberta, conducted by the Population Research Laboratory, University of Alberta, report prepared by Herbert C. Northcott, Ph.D., Social Science Consulting, prepared for Alberta Health, dated June 1998

Sessional Paper 40/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Health System Sustainability - Workshops and Discussion Papers: Companion Document to the 1998 Annual Report Card to the Legislature, produced by the Provincial Health Council of Alberta, dated October 1998

Sessional Paper 41/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Strengthening the Circle: What Aboriginal Albertans Say About Their Health, produced by Alberta Health, dated April 1995

Sessional Paper 42/99

Accountability - An Action on Health Initiative: Achieving Accountability in Alberta's Health System, produced by Alberta Health, dated November 1998

Sessional Paper 43/99

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

Turning Points: Recommendations Leading to True Economies and Effective Service in Alberta's New Health Care System, presented by the Health Care Unions of Alberta, dated March 1994

Sessional Paper 44/99

Letter dated July 23, 1997, from the Marketing Manager/Technical Services, Majestic Forest Products Corp., to Mr. Allen, Technical Services, Alberta Labour, expressing concern regarding the pine shake roofing system and standards

Sessional Paper 45/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Taking Stock: A Report on the Risks to Consumers (And Their Employers) from Current Health System Reform in Alberta, produced by the Consumers' Association of Canada (Alberta), Final Draft dated January 6, 1996

Sessional Paper 46/99

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

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, expressing concern that only three Members of the Official Opposition will receive accreditation as observers at the Health Summit to be held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999

Sessional Paper 47/99

Mental Health in Alberta: Issues and Recommendations, produced by the Provincial Health Council of Alberta, dated December 1998

Sessional Paper 48/99

Funding Regional Health Services in Alberta: A Report by the Health Services Funding Advisory Committee, dated May 28, 1996

Sessional Paper 49/99

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

Towards a Core Health Services Framework for Alberta: Consultants' Report, produced by C.A. MacDonald & Associates and Diane McAmmond & Associates, dated August 13, 1997

Sessional Paper 50/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Call for Input: MLA (Members of the Legislative Assembly) Committee on the Review of Health Region Boundaries, dated July 1997

Sessional Paper 51/99

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

Rural Health Care Issues Forums: Summary Report, produced by the Alberta Healthcare Association, dated August 1993

Sessional Paper 52/99

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

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Marie-Jeanne (M-J) Anctil-Zandbeek to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the limitations of regionalization and the need for more long term and palliative care beds, as experienced by her grandfather Raoul Bergevin

Sessional Paper 53/99

Letter dated February 3, 1999, from Mr. Broda, Chair, Long Term Care Review, Policy Advisory Committee, to Marie-Jeanne (M-J) Anctil-Zandbeek in response to concerns expressed regarding her grandfather Raoul Bergevin's care, with a copy of the consultation questionnaire and Long Term Care Review Fact Sheet

Sessional Paper 54/99

Long Term Care Issues Forum: Table Discussion Comments and Issues Forum Evaluation for Meetings held June 17, 1993 in Lacombe, Alberta, and February 12, 1993 in Edmonton, Alberta, produced by the Alberta Healthcare Association

Sessional Paper 55/99

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

Report on the Adequacy of Measures and Standards for Health Reform - Findings and Recommendations: Companion Document to the 1998 Annual Report Card to the Legislature, produced by the Provincial Health Council of Alberta, dated October 1998

Sessional Paper 56/99

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

You Told Us Where it Hurts - What Albertans Said About Their Health Care System: A Summary of Comments Received During the Alberta Medical Association's 1995 Public Awareness Campaign, produced by the Alberta Medical Association, dated February 14, 1996

Sessional Paper 57/99

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

Quality of Care: Forming Partnerships for Healthier Albertans, prepared by the Alberta Partnership for Health, dated June 27, 1996

Sessional Paper 58/99

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

Starting Points: Recommendations for Creating A More Accountable and Affordable Health System, produced by the Alberta Health Planning Secretariat, dated December 1993

Sessional Paper 59/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Lunar New Year traditions and celebrations, and recognizing 1999 as the Chinese Year of the Rabbit and the Vietnamese Year of the Cat.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Alberta Department of Labour's shift from delivery of services to issues and public policy management, and the failure of voluntary compliance measures to induce Buffet World Inc. to adhere to employment standards.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating KidsOp (Children's Opera Society of Alberta) for their international partnering success in undertaking productions, and for receiving second place for innovative Internet projects at the 1999 Cable and Wireless Childnet International Awards ceremony held in Sydney, Australia, February 18, 1999.

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 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Strang

On the amendment introduced by Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning on February 17, 1999, that the motion be amended to read:

That Bill 201, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that a comprehensive review of landlord and tenant legislation is required, involving extensive consultation with concerned stakeholders, before proceeding with this Bill.

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

For the amendment: 13

Barrett	MacBeth	Olsen
Carlson	MacDonald	Pannu
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	White
Leibovici		

Against the amendment: 49

Amery	Graham	Melchin
Boutilier	Haley	Nelson
Broda	Hancock	O'Neill
Burgener	Havelock	Oberg
Calahasen	Herard	Pham
Cao	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Day	Jonson	Stevens
Doerksen	Klapstein	Strang
Ducharme	Kryczka	Tannas
Evans	Laing	Tarchuk
Fischer	Langevin	Thurber
Forsyth	Lougheed	West
Friedel	Marz	Woloshyn
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Gordon		

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion for Second reading of Bill 201, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, was defeated.

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

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Coutts:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a review of all legislation concerning mental health patients in Alberta to determine if legislating community treatment orders would benefit mental health patients, and especially those with psychotic illnesses who respond well to medication, but who have a pattern of non-compliance following discharge.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

At 4:26 p.m. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Government Motions.

Government Motions

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 1, 1999, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned for three sitting days until Monday, April 12, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, tabled the following:

E-mail message dated February 18, 1999, from Jeremy Neufeld to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for the Special Places 2000 policy initiative

Sessional Paper 60/99

Debate continued.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

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 109 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a claim of contempt of the Legislative Assembly and Members thereof, by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding limited access by Members of the Official Opposition to attend the Health Summit to be held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 1997-98

Sessional Paper 61/99

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 1997-98

Sessional Paper 62/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Third Quarter Update: 1998-99 Quarterly Budget Report, release date February 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 63/99

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Third Quarter Investment Report 1998-99, Quarter Ended December 31, 1998, release date February 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 64/99

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

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) from Margaret E. Clarke, Chair, FAS Working Group, Alberta Clinical Practice Guidelines Program Steering Committee, to Alberta Physicians and other reviewers, dated February 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 65/99

Fact sheet dated February 23, 1999, entitled "Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Incident Report, Time Period: February 15, 1999 through February 21, 1999"

Sessional Paper 66/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Competition advertisement for the position of Program Manager, Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board Mobile Crisis Team, Competition No. R49901 for program: CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)/PMHAB (Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board) Crisis Intervention Services, with a closing date of February 26, 1999

Sessional Paper 67/99

Competition advertisement for the position of Crisis Intervention Therapists, Mobile Crisis Team, PMHAB (Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board), Calgary Region, Competition No. 4027, with a closing date of March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 68/99

Letter dated February 3, 1999, from Denis Lapointe on behalf of Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Paul Rushforth, Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding the case of a suicidal fifteen year old seeking medical or psychologist treatment, but delayed nine days before receiving psychiatric services

Sessional Paper 69/99

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

Fact sheet dated February 15, 1999, entitled "Update from D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group)" from C. Berube, Co-chair, Alberta Chapter, D.W.A.G., regarding Alberta Workers' Compensation Board settlements for widows

Sessional Paper 70/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

News release dated February 22, 1999, entitled "Pembina Institute Warns Government and Industry to Respond Quickly to Public Concerns about Health and Environmental Impacts of Oil and Gas Pollution," with attached report dated February 1999, entitled "Beyond Eco-terrorism: The Deeper Issues Affecting Alberta's Oilpatch," produced by the Pembina Institute

Sessional Paper 71/99

Letter dated October 15, 1998, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding environmental concerns associated with the remedial treatment of untreated pine shake roofs, with attached background documents regarding remedial use of Copper-8-Quinolinolate and PQ-57 on pine roofs

Sessional Paper 72/99

Recognitions

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Passing away of former Wood Buffalo Councillor Winnie Sommer.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Retirement of Archbishop Joseph MacNeil of Edmonton, April 1999.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Athletes, coaches, organizers and volunteers involved in the Alberta Special Olympics Winter Games to be held in Calgary, February 26-28, 1999.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Opening of Northeast Community Health Centre, January 27, 1999, as celebrated in a February 23, 1999 ceremony.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Friends of Medicare Coalition and their consultative commission.

Claim of Contempt — Limited Access to the Health Summit

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s10(1) and Beauchesne's articles 123, 124 and 125, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a possible claim of contempt of the Legislative Assembly and Members thereof by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the limited access by Members of the Official Opposition to attend the Health Summit to be held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999.

The Speaker heard from: Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader; Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader; and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on the procedural process appropriate to this issue.

The Speaker stated that the procedural process normally to be followed would be either through a Standing Order 30, Standing Order 40, or Point of Privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15. The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ38, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57.

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

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

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

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

Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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 Deputy 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 (No. 2): General Revenue Fund and Lottery
Fund

Sessional Paper 73/99

Government Motions

8. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly 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.

10. 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 (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. 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 (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
(Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until Thursday, February 25, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 83rd anniversary of the February 26, 1916, introduction of Bill 48 by Member of the Legislative Assembly Charles Wilson Cross to amend the Alberta Election Act to confer the franchise on women. The Bill was assented to on April 19, 1916.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 32 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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, Second Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), January 1998 - December 1998

Sessional Paper 74/99

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Letter dated December 4, 1998, from Audrey Bridgewater to Mrs. Laing, Chair, Standing Policy Committee on Community Services, regarding previous communication with Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding difficulty in obtaining transcripts from a Family Court trial and court reporting fees levied pursuant to the Alberta Rules of Court

Sessional Paper 75/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Department of Health, 1998-99 Supplementary Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 76/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 1997-98
Sessional Paper 77/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2), and the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act, cA-27.1, s5(2):

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1998: Including the Report of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, covering the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998
Sessional Paper 78/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Response sheet entitled "Response to February 18, 1999, questions by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period, taken under notice for Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour," regarding promotion of the pine shake industry and Alberta Building Code amendments relating to untreated pine shake roofs

Sessional Paper 79/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response sheet entitled "Tabling of Supplementary Information: Question, February 22, 1999, by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education," regarding school board recruitment, selection and appointment of superintendents, and the role of the Minister of Education

Sessional Paper 80/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated February 23, 1999, from Jordan Cleland, Executive Assistant to the Minister, Alberta Family and Social Services, to Line Porfon, Researcher, Alberta Liberal Caucus, in response to a request for a briefing package on Bill 6, Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999, with attached newspaper column by Naomi Lakritz entitled "Province struck just the right note on adoptions"

Sessional Paper 81/99

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

Fact sheet dated September 24, 1998, entitled "Pine Shakes: Wood Preservative Treatments," produced by the Environmental Service Branch, Department of Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 82/99

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

Letter dated February 19, 1999, from Shirley Fry, Alberta Chapter member, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding discriminatory treatment of widows who were widowed prior to 1982, and expressing support for amendments to the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) legislation

Sessional Paper 83/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fax dated February 23, 1999, from Shirley Armstrong to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding changes to the Statute of Limitations Act to be put into force on March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 84/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding St. Albert's "CityPlan" community consultation initiative dealing with community planning, transportation and land development components.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Marie-Jeanne (M-J) Anctil-Zandbeek's personal experience in attempting to obtain long term care for her grandfather Raoul Bergevin, and the need for health care planning for long term care patient needs.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 1 to March 4, 1999:

Monday, March 1	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 7, 9, 10

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1999

Committee of Supply

Supplementary Supply -
Lottery Fund (Day 1 of 1)

Revert to Introduction of Bills

Bill 13

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

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 7, 9, 10

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

If necessary to complete:

Committee of Supply

Supplementary Supply -
Lottery Fund

Revert to Introduction of Bills

Bill 13

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 2

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 13

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

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 13

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 3

Eve.

- Government Bills and Orders**Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne****Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bills 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 4

Aft.

- Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bills 12 and 15

Third Reading

Bill 13

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

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(3), 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:

All resolutions relating to the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply (No. 2) Estimates for the General Revenue Fund have been approved:

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:

Legislative Assembly

\$256,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$40,000	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
	Capital Investment (transfer from the Operating Expense Vote)

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$27,400,000	Operating Expense
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Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$14,100,000	Operating Expense
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Community Development

\$1,800,000	Operating Expense
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Family and Social Services

\$17,600,000	Operating Expense
\$7,300,000	Operating Expense (transfer from the Capital Investment Vote)

Health

\$18,100,000	Operating Expense
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Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

\$830,000	Operating Expense
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Justice

\$2,324,000	Operating Expense
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Municipal Affairs

\$798,000	Capital Investment (transfer from the Operating Expense Vote)
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Public Works, Supply and Services

\$6,200,000	Capital Investment
\$800,000	Capital Investment (transfer from the Operating Expense Vote)

Transportation and Utilities

\$12,500,000	Capital Investment
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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 85/99

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, March 1, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 1, 1999

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

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Cathy Borst offering congratulations to Team Canada for an outstanding performance at the 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts

Sessional Paper 86/99

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Renée Handfield offering congratulations to Team Alberta for its participation at the 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts

Sessional Paper 87/99

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Kenneth Jacob, Vice-President, Edmonton Chapter, National Black Coalition of Canada, offering congratulations on the awards ceremony held on February 27, 1999, with attached seven letters to the award recipients for their achievements and community service

Sessional Paper 88/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ72 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 89/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ73 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 90/99

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

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Leta Schmaltz, Alberta Chapter member, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Alberta Workers' Compensation Board pensions and benefits for widows

Sessional Paper 91/99

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

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Jake Kuiken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, in recognition of Social Work Week, March 1-7, 1999

Sessional Paper 92/99

E-mail message dated February 26, 1999, from Sandy Stefanyk to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding National Social Workers Week, March 1-7, 1999, and appreciation for services provided by the Ministry

Sessional Paper 93/99

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

Speech entitled "Reconciling the Past and Shaping the Future: Health and Medicare," Keynote Speaker: Thomas W. Noseworthy, presented at the Health Summit '99, Calgary, Alberta, February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 94/99

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

E-mail message dated February 19, 1999, from Jim Heinbuch to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the firing of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority Board, the requirement of balanced budgets, and expressing support for the election of future board members to ensure community accountability

Sessional Paper 95/99

Town of Devon Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 22, 1999, held in the Administration Building, Devon, Alberta at 7:01 p.m., with attached draft copy of the meeting minutes held Monday, February 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 96/99

Examination of WestView Regional Health Authority, produced by the Auditor General, dated November 25, 1998

Sessional Paper 97/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Petition signed by 105 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 98/99

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

34 letters from Hazel Cameron Elementary School students to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding poor building conditions causing safety and air quality issues in Hazel Cameron Elementary School, Vulcan, Alberta

Sessional Paper 99/99

E-mail message dated February 21, 1999, from Stan Shum to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding current insufficient funding levels for public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 100/99

Letter dated February 4, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, in response to a March 18, 1998 request for data on private school funding, with attached fact sheet dated December 1998, entitled "Estimated Provincial Funding for Private Schools: 1998/1999 School Year"

Sessional Paper 101/99

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

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 102/99

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1997-98
Sessional Paper 103/99

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report of Production and Sales 1997-98
Sessional Paper 104/99

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

Letter dated February 19, 1999, from Phyllis M.E. La Fleur to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, with attached submission presented to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, in response to a request for public input on the future of health care as discussed at the Health Summit '99, February 25-27, 1999
Sessional Paper 105/99

Letter dated March 28, 1995, from Research and Approvals, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, to SGS Canada Inc. regarding certification program for wood shakes as reviewed in a submission to act as a certification agency for the pine shake industry in Alberta
Sessional Paper 106/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Petition signed by 99 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs
Sessional Paper 107/99

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

Petition signed by 51 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs
Sessional Paper 108/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) public education program graduation of Sir Alexander Mackenzie School grade six students, February 24, 1999.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: 20 women competitors and coaches representing Alberta in women's hockey at the Canadian Winter Games, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: students, teachers, administrators, trustees and parents of Christ the Redeemer School Division, with 1998 Provincial Achievement Tests excellence in grades 3, 6 and 9.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: poor building conditions causing safety and air quality concerns at Hazel Cameron Elementary School, Vulcan, Alberta, and the need for a plan for dealing with school building conditions.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Team Alberta competing at the Canadian Winter Games, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and Brandon O'Neill's winning of a bronze medal in men's team artistic gymnastics.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Olive Wade's 100th birthday celebration, February 25, 1999, and 1997 Silver Cross Mother nomination by the Vegreville Legion.

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 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

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

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 Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply (No. 2) 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:

2001 World Championships in Athletics

\$1,000,000

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, 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 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999 — 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 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

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

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:24 p.m. until Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 79 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 3, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ30, WQ31,
 WQ32, WQ33, WQ38.

Motions for Returns: MR56, MR57.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta's Labour Force and Employment Structure over the Last Quarter Century:
Assessing the Changes, Information Bulletin No. 51, produced by Edward J.
Chambers, Western Centre for Economic Research, University of Alberta, dated
December 1998

Sessional Paper 109/99

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

The Employment and Employability of Deaf Canadians: A Project Report of the
Canadian Association of the Deaf, produced by James Roots and David Kerr,
dated 1998, describing 14 recommendations to protect and promote the rights,
needs and concerns of deaf Canadians

Sessional Paper 110/99

Bingo Licence List Report dated January 15, 1999, listing associations and
organizations benefiting from bingo activities

Sessional Paper 111/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Squaring the Circle: Can Health Care be Affordable?, presentation by Professor Paul Boothe, Institute for Public Economics, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 112/99

Registered Acupuncturists Position Statement: Health Summit '99, produced by the Acupuncture Society of Alberta, Alberta Traditional Chinese Medical Science and Acupuncture Association, dated February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 113/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 1 "Essential Components", February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 114/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 2 "Changes to Delivery and Management," February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 115/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 3 "Albertans' Responsibilities to Preserve and Protect Their Own Health," February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 116/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Themes and Conclusions from Three Years of Discussions With Alberta Citizens: Background for Health Summit '99, February 25-26, 1999, produced by the Provincial Health Council of Alberta

Sessional Paper 117/99

Perspectives on the Health of Urban Aboriginals: Submission to Health Summit '99 from Region 4 Aboriginal Health Council, produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority), dated February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 118/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

The Burden of Mental Illness in Alberta: An Overview of Research and the Views of Albertans, A Background Paper Commissioned for Health Summit '99 by the Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, and prepared by Gus Thompson, Ph.D., Departments of Psychiatry and Public Health Sciences, University of Alberta, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 119/99

Response to the “Blue Ribbon Panel” on Bill 37 (Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998): Purpose of Canada’s Universal Public Health System, prepared by Wendy Armstrong and produced by the Alberta Consumers Association, Consumers’ Association of Canada (Alberta)

Sessional Paper 120/99

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

Future Directions for Alberta’s Health System: A Submission to Health Summit ‘99, produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)

Sessional Paper 121/99

Presentation of Alberta Public Opinion Polling Results, presented by Michael Heffring, Ph.D., Environics Research Group (Western), dated February 26, 1999

Sessional Paper 122/99

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

News release dated February 23, 1999, entitled “Health Summit should affirm basic principles, define scope of programs and services, says Medical Association. More than 80% of survey respondents say they wait for health services: creates family stress, depression, unable to work,” produced by the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 123/99

Information Package for 1999 Alberta Health Summit, February 25, 26, 27, 1999, produced by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC)

Sessional Paper 124/99

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

Letter dated February 25, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, in response to a January 26, 1999 letter requesting information on the status of any potential changes to provincial taxation on income, describing the current review of the Tax Review Committee Report as well as the opportunity to convert to a tax on income system, as part of the 1999-2000 business planning process to be outlined in Budget 2000

Sessional Paper 125/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 15, 1999, from Twyla and Glenn Durksen, Ekota Elementary School parents, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding current and future financial issues facing the Edmonton Public School Board to balance budgets in the next fiscal year

Sessional Paper 126/99

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act, with attached fact sheet dated February 26, 1999, entitled "The proposed Natural Heritage Act: legalizing the end of wilderness"

Sessional Paper 127/99

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled three newspaper articles which the Speaker subsequently declared to be out of order.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing Pharmacy Awareness Week, March 1-7, 1999, and the public awareness campaign by the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association to educate the public regarding nonprescription drug use.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing National Engineering Week, February 27, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and the events sponsored by APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta) to raise public awareness of the role of professional engineers.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Innovation Fund recommended by the School Facilities Task Force to encourage capital infrastructure, a partnership funding effort by the Ministry of Education, Calgary Board of Education, and Therion Development, a local property developer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Privatization Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that a thorough cost benefit analysis of all Government privatized and contracted out operations since 1990 is required involving public consultation before proceeding with this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Olsen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a single rate of provincial income tax based on a percentage of total taxable income, rather than a percentage of federal tax.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the motion be amended by striking out:

to implement

and substituting:

to consider the implementation of

and by adding the following after “percentage of federal tax”:

when it is affordable within the context of a balanced budget; it does not result in an unfair distribution of the tax burden on middle income and low income Albertans; and it does not have to be paid for by cuts to public health care and education.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Debate continued.

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 116 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 107 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

87 letters dated March 2, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Team Alberta competitors for medal winning performances at the 1999 Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999

Sessional Paper 128/99

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

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, regarding Standing Order 80 which prohibits the Legislative Assembly from receiving petitions which ask for expenditures

Sessional Paper 129/99

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

Information bulletin dated June 2, 1998, entitled "Basic Precautions Needed to Avoid Hantavirus," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 130/99

Occupational Health and Safety bulletin dated October 1994, entitled "Information for Workers: Hantavirus," produced by Workplace Health and Safety, Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 131/99

Information bulletin dated March 9, 1998, entitled "Exercise Caution to Avoid Hantavirus," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 132/99

News release dated September 4, 1998, entitled "First Case of Hantavirus in Southern Alberta Confirmed," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 133/99

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

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from Dianne L. Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 134/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Executive summary, undated, entitled "Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Couples, Attitudes Toward the Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Couples, Attitudes Toward Status of Same-Sex Couples," produced by the Angus Reid Group Inc. and Canada Department of Justice

Sessional Paper 135/99

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

Memorandum dated July 18, 1989, from Linden Holmen, Director, Research and Development Section, Alberta Municipal Affairs, to the Vice President, Property Management, Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, regarding shakes and shingles from Alberta pine as reported in "Shingles and Shakes from Alberta Jack Pine and Aspen: A Feasibility Study, March 31, 1988," report produced by Silvacom Ltd.

Sessional Paper 136/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Charles H. Harley, President, College of Physicians and Surgeons, expressing concern regarding the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons' decision to review standards for long stays at non-hospital surgical facilities

Sessional Paper 137/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 12, 1999, from Margaret A. Main to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 138/99

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Robin White to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 139/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons as declared by the United Nations with the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages," and community efforts throughout Alberta to promote understanding of seniors' contributions to society.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: hosting efforts of Mr. Bill Young, staff, students and parents of Highwood High School during the Alberta School Athletic Association Provincial High School Wrestling Championships.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: volunteers and organizers of the 1999 Labatt Brier held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South: Team Canada hearing impaired athletes competing in the Winter World Games for the Deaf held in Davos, Switzerland, March 3-15, 1999.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Blaine Iskiw, constituent representing Nova Scotia at the 1999 Labatt Brier held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: passing away of Father Hamor, February 13, 1999.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Beth Israel Sisterhood presentation of a new Sefer Torah, Judaism document, to the Beth Israel Synagogue congregation.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: March 8, 1908 labour demonstration to be recognized on March 6, 1999 in an International Women's Day celebration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ20. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many long term care facilities are currently being renovated to add new beds and what is the total number of long term care beds being added to the health care system?

WQ21. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many Regional Health Authorities have examinations/audits underway, how many have been completed and what is the total cost to taxpayers?

WQ22. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How much money has been raised from corporate sponsors to support the “You’re Amazing” health promotion project and how much has the Department of Health invested in this project between January 1, 1997 and February 17, 1999?

WQ23. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

What projects are underway which promote alternative approaches to paying physicians through the tripartite process involving Alberta Health, the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities?

WQ32. Moved by Mr. White:

Of the money collected under the U.S. lumber countervail agreement since 1995, how much has the Federal Government returned to the Province each year, how was the money utilized by the Province and how much was used specifically for the development of forest product markets outside the United States?

WQ38. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How much money was provided to needle exchange programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grande Prairie to prevent HIV infection among non-prescription drug users for the fiscal year 1997-98, and from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ30. Moved by Mr. White:

How many qualified forest officers were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1 of each year from 1992 to 1998?

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

How many forest officers, *with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, and Manager in Land and Forest Service*, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1 of each year from 1992 to 1998?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ31. Moved by Mr. White:

How much money has the Government collected each year between 1995 and 1998 for timber damage assessments on Crown land outside forest management agreement areas that is harvested by non-forest operators such as energy and utility companies, and how have those funds been utilized to offset the land-based impact on the annual allowable cut?

WQ33. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

How many current agricultural leaseholders have pledged the natural resource royalties or revenues on their leased land as security under an agreement with a bank or financial institution and how many of these collateral agreements terminate each year between 1999 and 2020?

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

How many current agricultural leaseholders have pledged their leased land as security under an agreement with a bank or financial institution and how many of these *lease* agreements terminate each year between 1999 and 2020?

The amendment was agreed to. Since the information that would be provided under the amended written question was already available, Dr. Nicol urged rejection of the amended written question, which was agreed to.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ34, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR56. Moved by Mr. White:

Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period December 1, 1998 to February 18, 1999, evaluating the potential aggregate surplus or deficit in the Balancing Pool (BP) from the auctioning of Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs).

MR57. Moved by Mr. White:

Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period January 1, 1998, to February 18, 1999, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121.

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 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on March 2, 1999, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Privatization Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that a thorough cost benefit analysis of all Government privatized and contracted out operations since 1990 is required involving public consultation before proceeding with this Bill.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion for Second reading of Bill 203, Privatization Accountability Act, was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 17

Barrett	Leibovici	Pannu
Blakeman	MacBeth	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Carlson	Massey	White
Dickson	Nicol	Wickman
Gibbons	Olsen	

Against the motion: 42

Amery	Haley	O'Neill
Broda	Hancock	Pham
Burgener	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Cardinal	Johnson	Stelmach
Coutts	Jonson	Stevens
Day	Klapstein	Strang
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Fischer	Lougheed	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	Trynchy
Friedel	Marz	Woloshyn
Fritz	McClellan	Yankowsky
Graham	Melchin	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

A debate followed.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1999 — 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 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 140/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 141/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 142/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 143/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 144/99

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 145/99

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 4, 1999

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. Isidore Goresky, Hon. Member for Whitford, 1930 to 1935, the last surviving member of the United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) Party who passed away on February 22, 1999.

The Speaker also made a statement in recognition of the seven year anniversary of the March 5, 1992 by-election of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow.

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 to increase support of children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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, 1997 to March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 146/99

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

Report of the Ministerial Task Force, dated March 3, 1999, established following the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Vriend case, with attached Alberta Justice Issues Research: Final Report, produced by Longwoods International, dated December 1998

Sessional Paper 147/99

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

Alcohol Related Birth Defects, produced by Staff Development, Alberta Family and Social Services, with acknowledgements to Donna Debolt and Mary Vanden Brink, dated 1998

Sessional Paper 148/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 4, 1999, entitled "Celebrating Older Women on International Women's Day," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 149/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Sam Gunsch, Managing Director, Edmonton Chapter, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act and industrial development, with attached photographs depicting ecological damage in Fort Assiniboine Wildland Park

Sessional Paper 150/99

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from Peter Lee, Regional Director, Alberta, Endangered Spaces Campaign, World Wildlife Fund Canada, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act considered to be a retrogressive step for the preservation of Alberta's natural heritage and wilderness

Sessional Paper 151/99

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

C.A.R.E. (Communities Against Residential Encroachment) undated fact sheet expressing support for the protection of residents, homes and businesses located in the communities of Terrace Heights and Ottewell from the City of Edmonton's proposal to establish an inner ring road through the city as outlined in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Sessional Paper 152/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated January 21, 1999, from J. Brock Dundas, M.D., President, Calgary Regional Medical Staff Association (CRMSA), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, describing concerns of the CRMSA regarding problems with health care delivery in the region, and expressing support for the adoption of recommendations of the Report of the Health System Review Commission

Sessional Paper 153/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding Edmonton's hosting and the contribution of volunteers to the 1999 Labatt Brier held March 6-14, 1999, with the winners representing Canada at the Ford World Curling Championship, and offering congratulations and best wishes to Team Alberta competitors led by skip Ken Hunka.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the SOS (Save Our Schools) petition campaign requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs, and their inability to have the petition read and received in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 80.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing the award winning design by Mr. Lonnie Springer, constituent, creating a Royal Canadian Mint's Millennium coin series design depicting three petroglyphs from those at Writing-on-the-Stone Provincial Park on the February 1999 coin.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 8 to March 11, 1999:

Monday, March 8

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 6, 8, 11, 14, 12, 15

And as per Order Paper

Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 10)

Government Motions

Government Motion 14

And as per Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bills 4, 9, 10, 6, 7, 8, 11
And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, March 9 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 12, 15
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
As per Order Paper
based on progress Monday
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper
based on progress Monday
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 10 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper
based on progress Tuesday
Third Reading
As per Order Paper
based on progress Tuesday
And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, March 11 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Budget Address
Assembly to recess after Routine
until 4:00 p.m. when the
Provincial Treasurer will present
the Budget Address

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**
(Day 9)

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Second time because the Supreme Court of Canada has not yet rendered its decision in the case *The Attorney General for Ontario v. M. and H.* and this decision should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day, March 8, 1999. To commemorate the occasion, the Members received a copy of Her Majesty The Queen’s message.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 61 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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

of Kenneth J. Burton for the National Bond Insurance Corporation Act;
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Notices of Motions

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 ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated January 13, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Hon. Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, expressing support for the objectives and principles contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with attached response dated March 3, 1999, from the Right Hon. Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Canada's ratification of the Convention on December 11, 1991

Sessional Paper 154/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Laurie Eisler, Head Coach, University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team, offering congratulations on winning their fifth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's volleyball championship

Sessional Paper 155/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA), Annual Report April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998, and Business Plan 1998-2000, prepared for the Minister of Labour, dated June 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 156/99

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Annual Report April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 157/99

Pine Shakes Records Released November 2, 1998 and November 16, 1998, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 158/99

Pine Shakes Records Released December 8, 1998 and December 21, 1998, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 159/99

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

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 160/99

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills:

Certificate of Continuance of Alberta Wheat Pool, filed pursuant to section 2 of the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998, and section 156 of the Saskatchewan Co-operatives Act, 1996, as notice certifying that Alberta Wheat Pool was continued as a co-operative under Saskatchewan's co-operatives legislation, dated October 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 161/99

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

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Rod Fraser, President, University of Alberta, expressing dismay regarding a perceived one-sided and ideologically biased attack by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 162/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Mr. Jim Stanford, Ph.D., Economist, National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada (CAW-Canada), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding an attack on various social and economic researchers as expressed in a March 5, 1999 letter to Mr. Rod Fraser, President, University of Alberta, which threatens academic freedom

Sessional Paper 163/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 16, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Jake Kulken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, regarding the Government's position on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 164/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Poverty Indicators," based on work done by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Social Development Research and Information, depicting a comparison of poverty measurements in each province

Sessional Paper 165/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Detailed Tables," produced by the Angus Reid Group, Inc., dated January 1999, regarding public opinion relating to the current spending level on public education

Sessional Paper 166/99

Fact sheet entitled "Rates of Increase in Basic Instruction Grants and Inflation: Public School Systems and Private Schools 1995/96 through 2000/01," dated March 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 167/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Mr. and Mrs. D. Selvig, parents, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board and Ekota Elementary School

Sessional Paper 168/99

Letter undated from Cliff and Alison Playdon, parents, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing public education due to increased costs

Sessional Paper 169/99

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

Progressive Conservative Association Fund Report, excerpt pages highlighting political contributions made by Earls Restaurants Ltd. during the periods January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996, and February 11, 1997 to May 11, 1997

Sessional Paper 170/99

Letter dated January 21, 1999, from Mrs. Bonny Jackson to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the Provincial Achievement Test cohort reporting system for students in grades three and six

Sessional Paper 171/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

The Growing Gap: A Report on Growing Inequality Between the Rich and Poor in Canada, prepared by Armine Yalznizyan, Centre for Social Justice, dated October 1998

Sessional Paper 172/99

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

Memoranda dated March 5, 1999, from Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Private Members' Motion 503 be removed from the Order Paper

Sessional Paper 173/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering congratulations to the Team Alberta athletes competing at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and the hosting efforts by Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. The role of coaches, volunteers, organizers, parents and Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation involved in amateur sport activities was also recognized.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, also offered congratulations to the Team Alberta competitors participating at the Canada Winter Games.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, tabled the following:

Class Size, Academic Achievement and Public Policy, prepared by Suzanne Ziegler, published in CEA/ACE (Canadian Education Association) Connections, volume 1, number 1, dated November 1997

Sessional Paper 174/99

Recognitions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Nellie McClung Alternative Program students Victoria Baldwin, Lavinia Berndt, Kristina Friesen, Rachelle Huppelschoten, and Kelly Rolfe, recipients of the 1999 Edmonton Science Olympics winners in the truss building competition, and Nicole LaHaie, top prize winner for an International Women's Day poem.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Women's Day, March 8, 1999, with events celebrating achievements by women and efforts to promote women's rights.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: International Women's Day, March 8, 1999, as resolved by the United Nations in 1977 and themed in 1999 "Going Strong Celebrating Older Women," to coincide with 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Constable Dennis Montpetit's courageous efforts during a dangerous March 3, 1999 law enforcement incident.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Team Alberta athletes, families, coaches, and officials participating on behalf of Team Alberta in the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: contribution of coaches in athletic competitions, and in particular the Sturgeon School Division Junior Basketball Tournament, March 6-7, 1999.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Jenny Cartmell, Captain, and the University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team, offering congratulations on winning their fifth national women's volleyball championship, and her receiving the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Mary Lyons Award as Canada's most outstanding player.

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 ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), with Mr. White 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 Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

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**14.** 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
- Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
- Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 175/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 176/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 177/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 178/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:53 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 948 constituents expressing support for continued funding and the need to increase the number of available beds within Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 40 constituents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 84 constituents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 101 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting a comprehensive public commission on K-12 (kindergarten to grade 12) education and to increase funding for public and separate schools until the commission reports.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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, March 8, 1999, and can advise the House that all but one of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has considered the remaining petition and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petition for Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, subject to the petitioner completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioner.

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 10, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ5, WQ19, WQ26, WQ27,
WQ29, WQ46, WQ48, WQ50.

Motions for Returns: MR11, MR12, MR13, MR15, MR17, MR18,
MR77, MR108, MR109.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated March 8, 1999, entitled "Capital City Savings Provides Loan Program for Pine Shake Homeowners," with attached backgrounder entitled "Capital City Savings Pine Shakes Loan Program," produced by Capital City Savings

Sessional Paper 179/99

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

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding youth justice reform and the need for consultation relating to the proposed replacement legislation for the Young Offenders Act

Sessional Paper 180/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Poem entitled "Save Our Parks," written by Elizabeth Gentry, Sixty-one Ranch Ltd., Cremona, Alberta, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 181/99

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Christyann Sloan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 182/99

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

Alberta Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan: Draft/Confidential, prepared for Strategic Tourism Marketing Council, prepared by Western Management Consultants, dated January 21, 1999, excerpt pages 6 and 7 highlighting Canada's vision for the tourism industry through the Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC) and Alberta's Strategic Tourism Marketing Council (STMC)

Sessional Paper 183/99

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

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Nora Biggs to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding a loss of WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) pension benefits upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 184/99

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

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Phyllis M.E. La Fleur to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding his February 4, 1999 television address, the need to support the publicly funded health care system and expressing concern regarding Alberta's Principles on Private Medicine and Medicare

Sessional Paper 185/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Alberta high school curlers competing at the Alberta Schools Athletic Association Provincial Curling Championships held in Camrose, March 6-7, 1999, the hosting efforts by Camrose, and the welcome home party for medal winning athletes participating at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement expressing support for the principles of tolerance and acceptance of all members of society, the need for an independent Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, and support for these principles through the actions, words, and attitudes of every Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing the establishment of the Alberta Youth Heritage Project, a high school education initiative to educate students about their provincial and community heritage, a partnership involving Alberta museums, Alberta Community Development, Fort Edmonton Park, Historical Society of Alberta, Alberta Society of Archivists, Visual Arts Alberta, with funding support provided by Museums Alberta, Alberta Community Development, and through the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on March 3, 1999, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate on the amendment adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a single rate of provincial income tax based on a percentage of total taxable income, rather than a percentage of federal tax.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), 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: 40

Boutilier	Graham	McFarland
Broda	Haley	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Hierath	Pham
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tannas
Ducharme	Laing	Tarchuk
Dunford	Langevin	Thurber
Evans	Lougheed	Trynchy
Forsyth	Magnus	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 9

Barrett	MacBeth	Pannu
Bonner	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White

504. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately undertake a broad public consultation and to initiate a full debate in the Assembly on the role of private, for-profit health care providers, including hospitals, clinics, agencies, and individual physicians, in the delivery of health services.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999 — 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 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 39th anniversary of the March 10, 1960 Third Reading of the Bill granting the right to vote in national elections to First Nations people of Canada.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 139 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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 presented in the Assembly on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Monday, March 8, 1999, now be deemed to be read and received:

of Kenneth J. Burton for the National Bond Insurance Corporation Act;

of Shaw Communications Inc. for the Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999; and

of Howard Goldford and Randy Hauge for the Consumers Insurance Company Act.

Notices of Motions

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 Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of West Edmonton Mall to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Press release dated March 9, 1999, entitled "Provincial Consumer Survey on Access to Cataract Surgery Casts Doubt on Claims by Private Health Interests," with attached backgrounder entitled "Access to Cataract Surgery Survey 1998," produced by the Consumers' Association of Canada (Alberta)

Sessional Paper 186/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from Deborah Harrison, parent, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board and Ekota Elementary School

Sessional Paper 187/99

Letter, undated, from N. Mortemore, parent, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board and Ekota Elementary School

Sessional Paper 188/99

Letter, undated, from Mr. Franz Gruener, parent, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board and Ekota Elementary School
Sessional Paper 189/99

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

Sample Video Lottery Retailer Agreement, to be contracted between the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and a video lottery retailer, pursuant to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act, to conduct and manage or participate in the conduct or management of video lotteries in Alberta

Sessional Paper 190/99

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Petition signed by 88 Grande Cache and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 191/99

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

Designated Supply Subcommittee Agreement, dated March 8, 1999, between the House Leader of the Government of Alberta, the House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and the House Leader of the Opposition New Democrats, to be read in conjunction with the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly which take precedence

Sessional Paper 192/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: fifth consecutive win for the University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's volleyball championship held March 6, 1999.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: ninth annual National Social Work Week, March 1-7, 1999, in celebration of the role and contribution of social workers.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Daniel Blackburn, Shane Stevens, Stefan Kuhn, Colin DeGeer, Jan Hudec, Colin Bell, Maryke Ciaramidaro, Sandra Keith, and Paula Pearson, medal winning athletes of Team Alberta competing at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Dr. Susan A. McDaniel and Dr. David Schindler, 1999 recipients of the Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Francis Winspear Centre for Music in Edmonton, recipient of the Performing Arts Centre of the Year Award at the Canadian Session and Touring Industry Awards held in Toronto, March 5, 1999.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: First Nations people voting rights following amendments to the Indian Act and the Canada Election Act, March 10, 1960.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: International Baccalaureate (IB) program offered by Holy Trinity Academy in Okotoks, the first secondary school to receive official IB status in rural Canada.

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 Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of West Edmonton Mall to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts forthwith.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ2. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

WQ3. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999, in the Province?

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

For each year between the introduction of the Farm Income Disaster Program in 1995 and December 31, 1998, how many farmers were eligible for assistance under the program, how many were rejected and for what reasons, and how many of those who were rejected had operations that were viable in the long term but were suffering from a cash flow problem?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ5

Sessional Paper 193/99

WQ19. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

How many farmers received assistance under the Farm Income Disaster Program each year between its inception in 1995 and December 31, 1998, despite the fact that they could have sustained their operations without assistance because they did not have a cash flow problem or because they had sufficient equity?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ19

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WQ26. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ27. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ29. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What criteria does Alberta Justice use to determine whether a jurisdiction should be approached with a view to negotiating an agreement leading to the jurisdiction's inclusion in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ48. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many agreements is the Department of Justice currently negotiating with other jurisdictions pursuant to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act?

WQ50. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears and by how much were they in arrears on December 31, 1998?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

Which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act placed in during the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

WQ46. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital works expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for all municipal jurisdictions in the Province?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ4, WQ6, WQ7, WQ24, WQ25, WQ28, WQ34, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156, WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR11. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposals and updates on the one year pilot projects started in the spring of 1998 which involve completing department-funded psychological and functional assessment of selected Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applicants and recipients.

- MR12.** Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:
Policy review report on Aboriginal adoptions due February 1998.
- MR13.** Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:
Update documents on the proposed AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) review and reforms since September 1998.
- MR18.** Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:
Child Welfare League of Canada report on adoptions in Alberta, 1997-1999.
- MR77.** Moved by Mr. Sapers:
All invoices billed to the Public Affairs Bureau for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

- MR15.** Moved by Dr. Nicol:
Any correspondence or consulting reports compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.
- Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:
- Any correspondence or consulting reports, *that do not compromise client/solicitor and third party confidentiality*, compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.

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

For the amendment: 44

Amery	Fritz	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Gordon	Pham
Broda	Haley	Renner
Calahasen	Hancock	Shariff
Cao	Havelock	Smith
Cardinal	Hierath	Stelmach
Clegg	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Johnson	Strang
Day	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Trynchy
Dunford	Magnus	Woloshyn
Evans	Mar	Yankowsky
Fischer	Marz	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	O'Neill	

Against the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	Wickman

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR17. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

The review results from the inquiry into the death of Jordan Quinney, completed by the Department of Family and Social Services.

Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR108. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the October 29, 1993, memorandum from the Premier to the former Deputy Premier and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108 (debate adjourned), MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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 4 (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 195/99

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

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: 25

Amery	Dunford	Lund
Boutilier	Fischer	Mar
Broda	Fritz	Marz
Calahasen	Haley	Nelson
Cao	Hancock	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 8

Dickson	MacDonald	Olsen
Gibbons	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici	Nicol	

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. 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: 25

Amery	Dunford	Lund
Boutilier	Fischer	Mar
Broda	Fritz	Marz
Calahasen	Haley	Nelson
Cao	Hancock	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 8

Dickson	MacDonald	Olsen
Gibbons	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici	Nicol	

The Assembly adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the two year anniversary of 26 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

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

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Manitoba Government news release dated March 3, 1999, entitled "Discussion Paper Released, Consultations Planned on Protection of Private Sector Personal Information"

Sessional Paper 196/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

59 letters dated March 10, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to medal winning Alberta athletes competing at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999

Sessional Paper 197/99

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

Our Voice: The Spare Change Magazine, volume 6, issue number 3, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 198/99

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

Letter dated November 18, 1998, from Janet Cook, President, The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding a motion passed at the Provincial Catholic Women's League Convention held June 1998 to eliminate child poverty and to build affordable quality houses, and requesting a meeting with the Minister

Sessional Paper 199/99

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Janet Cook, President, The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the elimination of child poverty and the building of affordable quality houses, and requesting a reply to an earlier request for a meeting with the Minister

Sessional Paper 200/99

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

Written responses to questions on the Achievement Bonus raised in Supplemental Estimates, Committee of Supply debate on February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 201/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Mannville and District Health Services Foundation Public Meeting Resolution passed unanimously at the public meeting on January 26, 1999, requesting the reinstatement of health services at the Mannville Health Care Centre to pre-January 1, 1998 levels

Sessional Paper 202/99

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Diane Kozak, Registered Nurse, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 203/99

Letter dated February 24, 1999, from Jack Ewanchuk, President, Vilna Seniors Centre, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 204/99

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Faye Pryekop, Activities Convenor, Our Lady's Health Centre, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta

Sessional Paper 205/99

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

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Program in Honor of His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, March 11, 1999, held at the Ramada Inn, Edmonton, sponsored by the Edmonton Evangelical Ministerial Association

Sessional Paper 206/99

Fact sheet entitled "A New Administrator for Co-op Housing Programs," produced by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

Sessional Paper 207/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Fax dated February 17, 1999, from Peter J. Vermeulen, University of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 208/99

E-mail message dated January 27, 1999, from Al Brawn to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the preservation of the Willmore Wilderness Park and the need to protect the area from industrial development

Sessional Paper 209/99

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

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Margaret and Curtis Shell, parents of three Steinhauer Elementary School students, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding for public education

Sessional Paper 210/99

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

Alberta Co-operatives, presentation by the Co-operative Council of Alberta to the Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly and the Members of Parliament (Alberta), dated March 10, 1999

Sessional Paper 211/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report entitled "Watering Down the Milk: Women Coping on Alberta's Minimum Wage," produced by the Calgary Status of Women Action Committee, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 212/99

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

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the long term testing of treated and untreated pine shakes, requesting the tabling of documents and in particular the report "Long-term testing of treated and untreated pine shingles"

Sessional Paper 213/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Mieke Meijer-Wharton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the extension of equal rights and privileges to gay and lesbian Canadian citizens, with attached e-mail message dated March 9, 1999, from Marie Walker also expressing support for equal rights for gay and lesbian citizens

Sessional Paper 214/99

Letter dated February 23, 1999, from Pytor Hodgson, Executive Director, Alberta Youth in Care and Custody Network, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial Districts of Calgary, case AD01-26336 relating to two families who are seeking equal protection and benefits under the law, with attached report entitled "We Speak: Lesbian and Gay Fostering in Alberta," submitted to Don Fleming, Deputy Minister, Alberta Family and Social Services, written by Travis Sievwright, dated April 1997

Sessional Paper 215/99

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

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 1998 and the 1998 Annual Report
of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch
Sessional Paper 216/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement in recognition of Neil O'Neil, who passed away on February 22, 1999, his contribution to education as a teacher at Willow Creek Composite High, Claresholm, and his writing as evidenced in his published poem "Where the Buffalo Trod" which was read to the Members.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act due to the lack of environmental protection offered for wilderness areas from resource extraction and industrial activity.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement apologising for his inappropriate comment in the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 8, 1999, and the need to respect multicultural diversity within society.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 15 to March 18, 1999:

Monday, March 15

Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**

Bill 19

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply

Designated Supply

Subcommittees -
establishment and membership

Supply Subcommittees (ABCD) -
establishment and membership

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999

Government Motions

Government Motion 18 -
Opposition Leader
responds to Budget

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bills 16, 17

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bills 6, 14

Second Reading

Bills 16, 17

Committee of Supply

(if not done in the afternoon)

Supply Subcommittees (ABCD) -
establishment and membership

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 16

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 19

Committee of Supply

Community Development
(Main Estimates - if not
Designated for Thursday)

Third Reading

Bills 2, 3, 5, 7

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

(A) Executive Council
(Assembly)
(Day 1, Main Estimates)

(B) Intergovernmental and
Aboriginal Affairs (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 2, Main Estimates)

Second Reading

Bill 19 (if not finished
in the afternoon)

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 17

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

(C) Labour (Assembly)
(Day 3, Main Estimates)

(D) Energy (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 4, Main Estimates)

Committee of the Whole

Bill 19

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 18

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday
(Day 5, Main Estimates)

Third Reading

Bill 19

Temporary Recess

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly recessed at 2:54 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999 — 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1999-2000 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then tabled a copy of Budget '99, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13, and the Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act, cB-0.5, s7:

Budget '99: The Right Balance, pamphlet

Sessional Paper 217/99

Budget '99: The Right Balance, budget overview news release, dated March 11, 1999

Sessional Paper 218/99

Budget '99: The Right Balance, budget speech presented March 11, 1999

Sessional Paper 219/99

Budget '99: The Right Balance, Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 220/99

Budget '99: The Right Balance, Government and Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 221/99

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 222/99

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 223/99

18. 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. Dickson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 93rd anniversary of the First Session of the First Legislature of the Province of Alberta which was convened on March 15, 1906 and held in Edmonton's Thistle Curling Rink. Since March 15, 1906, Members of the Legislative Assembly have spent over 1,010,000 minutes in parliamentary deliberations.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 163 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 494 post-secondary students regarding the proposed Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and expressing support for revisions to require publicly elected board approval for hunting and vehicle use in any natural areas, and to increase the standards for approval and monitoring of industrial activity.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 337 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Primary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1999/2000 - 2001/02, with attached Secondary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1999/2000 (Including Public Roads Through Indian Reserves)

Sessional Paper 224/99

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

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support clients regarding the announced review and proposed changes to program benefits

Sessional Paper 225/99

Fact sheet entitled "Important information about proposed changes to: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support, summarizing proposed changes to take effect as of October 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 226/99

Alberta Family and Social Services - Proposed Changes to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Programs, Results of Public Consultation: Report to the Minister of Family and Social Services, prepared by Bill McMillan, Partner, Equus Consulting Group, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 227/99

Alberta Ministry of Family and Social Services, AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Policy Consultation, prepared by Angus Reid Group, Inc., dated January 1999

Sessional Paper 228/99

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Darlene (Murray) Urness to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage in March 1984 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 229/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Ken Hunka offering congratulations to Team Alberta for its participation at the 1999 Labatt Brier held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999

Sessional Paper 230/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to members of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team offering congratulations on their gold medal victory at the World Women's Hockey Championships held in Finland

Sessional Paper 231/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Trix Baker, Head Coach, University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team, offering congratulations on winning their first CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's basketball championship

Sessional Paper 232/99

Letter dated March 12, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, in response to questions raised during Committee of Supply debate on the Lottery Fund Supplementary Estimates on March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 233/99

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Fact sheet entitled "Community Events Activities Guide for March 21 - United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination," with attached NAARR (Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations) Campaign '99 Program of Activities entitled "Break the Cycle of Racism," held March 5, 1999 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 234/99

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

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Dorcas Kilduff, Chairperson, Parent Advisory Council, Wood Haven Junior High School, to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Chairman, Funding Framework Review, regarding an equitable division of funding to education

Sessional Paper 235/99

École Woodhaven Junior High School fact sheet detailing staff reductions; supplies, contracted services and general services; special education; and deficit position, with attached "Principal's Monthly Enrollment Report for September 1998"

Sessional Paper 236/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) fact sheet dated March 11, 1999, entitled "Increased health spending will help sustain recent growth, says Calgary health region"

Sessional Paper 237/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and logging in the Lakeland Recreation Area, expressing concern regarding the legislation's failure to protect parks and other protected areas from industrial development

Sessional Paper 238/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from R.D. Robinson, Convenor, Environment Group, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 239/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Sonja Mihelcic, Campaign Director, Prairie Chapter, Sierra Club, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Endangered Species National Day of Action and expressing support for the need to implement endangered species legislation

Sessional Paper 240/99

E-mail message dated March 12, 1999, from Elena Cecchetto to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concern regarding the loss of habitat resulting in species becoming endangered and extinct in Alberta

Sessional Paper 241/99

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

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Corrinne G. Christopherson, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, regarding the loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage October 25, 1974 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 242/99

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

Letter dated January 20, 1999, from Sharon Sutherland, President, Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, to Society members regarding concerns arising from possible changes to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support program benefits

Sessional Paper 243/99

Oral Question Period

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

Information update dated March 15, 1999, entitled "Calculating personal income tax under Alberta's new system"

Sessional Paper 244/99

Recognitions

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake: Farm Safety Week, March 10-17, 1999, and the student education project "Plant the Seed of Farm Safety," a partnership project between Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, John Deere Limited, and Hole's Greenhouses and Gardens Limited.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team, 1999 CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's basketball champions.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: heroic efforts by Shannon Marie Turnbull who passed away from cancer on March 3, 1999.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: Farm Safety Week, March 10-17, 1999, and the efforts by groups to promote farm safety through public awareness.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Dr. Victor D'Agata, 50th anniversary of practicing medicine as celebrated at a March 6, 1999 reception.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Leigh Clark, Jamie Clark, and Bruce Kirkby, Calgary adventurers, upon successfully crossing the Empty Quarter of the Arabian desert.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: John Hume, 1998 Nobel Peace Prize recipient and guest speaker at the annual Emerald Ball held March 13, 1999 in support of the Ireland Fund of Canada.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

The Chairman called for consideration of 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: 32

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Shariff
Day	Jonson	Stevens
Dunford	Klapstein	Trynchy
Forsyth	Laing	West
Friedel	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Graham	Melchin	

Against the motion: 8

Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Nicol	Wickman
MacBeth	Sloan	

The motion 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)	Dunford	Marz
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Friedel	Massey
Bonner	Hierath	Oberg
Boutilier	Jacques	O'Neill
Burgener	Johnson	Pannu
Cardinal	Lougheed	Sapers
Ducharme	Mar	

Subcommittee B

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

Subcommittee C

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

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Langevin	Shariff
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Lund	Taylor
Amery	Magnus	West
Broda	Nelson	White
Carlson	Pannu	Wickman
Coutts	Paul	Zwozdesky
Herard	Pham	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, 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
Executive Council
Treasury

Subcommittee B

Community Development
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs
Justice and Attorney General
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 the 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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Sessional Paper 245/99

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

Education

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

Environmental Protection

Boutilier (Chair)	Ducharme	Pannu
Amery	Gibbons	Strang
Carlson	Langevin	White
Coutts	Magnus	Yankowsky

Family and Social Services

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

Health

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

Municipal Affairs

Fischer (Chair)	Gibbons	McFarland
Barrett	Klapstein	Paul
Clegg	MacDonald	Thurber
Ducharme	Marz	Zwozdesky

Sessional Paper 246/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a letter from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, designating the estimates for consideration of five departments by the Designated Supply Subcommittees pursuant to Standing Order 56(2)(a):

- Education
- Environmental Protection
- Family and Social Services
- Health
- Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 247/99

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

Government Motions

18. 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.

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 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

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 6 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 248/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 35 St. Albert residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 109 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 17, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ4, WQ6, WQ7, WQ24, WQ34, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: MR8, MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR107, MR108, MR109.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

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

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a March 3, 1999 request for revisions to Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 249/99

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

7 letters dated February 25, 1999 to March 4, 1999, from members of the Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake; Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer; and Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 250/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Handwritten note with quote "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in Session," attributed to N.Y. Judge, 1886

Sessional Paper 251/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 6, 1999, from the Marlowe household to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 207, Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 252/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR96 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 29, 1998:

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.

Sessional Paper 253/99

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

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR95 asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 29, 1998:

Copies of all documents associated with the contracting out of laundry services, both on site and off site, at the Michener Centre in Red Deer, from January 1, 1994 to the present.

Sessional Paper 254/99

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Yvonne Ruel, Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 255/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Beverly Lowe, Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 256/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal, made a statement regarding a celebration in the Legislative Assembly that morning hosted by the Speaker to honour National Francophonie Week, March 16-22, 1999, in recognition of the contribution of French Canadians and the Francophone community to Alberta, and announcing the establishment of a Provincial Francophone Secretariat to be chaired by Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, first commented on the statement in French and then delivered her comments in English.

Oral Question Period

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

Newspaper article, undated, entitled "Alberta leads the way in tax reform"

Sessional Paper 257/99

Calgary Herald newspaper article dated March 16, 1999, entitled "Alberta takes the lead where others are taxed to follow"

Sessional Paper 258/99

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated October 23, 1990, entitled "Alberta hospitals receive grim budget prognosis"

Sessional Paper 259/99

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated May 9, 1992, entitled "Hospital system faces an overhaul"

Sessional Paper 260/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement in French in recognition of National Francophonie Week, March 16-22, 1999, as celebrated March 16, 1999 at a Legislative Assembly event hosted by the Speaker and a second event hosted by the Canadian Heritage Department held at Canada Place. As well the Members received a commemorative pin from the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding environmental damage occurring in Alberta due to industrial development, particularly with the transfer of protection activities to the private sector, and the need to revise Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act to ensure environmental protection of wilderness areas.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement in recognition of Dr. Dean Vause, Executive Director, Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC), a non-profit addiction treatment centre for youth with over 100 graduates since its inception in 1992 and a successful model of a long-term treatment program for chemically dependent youth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

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 202 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 261/99

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately undertake a broad public consultation and to initiate a full debate in the Assembly on the role of private, for-profit health care providers, including hospitals, clinics, agencies, and individual physicians, in the delivery of health services.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

505. Moved by Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the establishment of a unified family court or other similar family law court structure to handle all cases related to family law, in an effort to provide a more efficient and accessible way to deal with problems arising from family breakdown and disputes.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 1 and 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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 Department of Community Development, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of Executive Council (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**Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 132 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 107 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 132 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

8 letters dated February 25, 1999 to March 5, 1999, from members of the Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake; Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South; and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to amend the legislation to reinstate pensions

Sessional Paper 262/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

47 letters dated February 19, 1999, from concerned parents of Ormsby School to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing Edmonton public schools, and in particular Ormsby School, in attempting to balance their budget with increasing costs

Sessional Paper 263/99

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

Memorandum dated May 25, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to all Cabinet Members regarding the appointment of members to agencies, boards and commissions, with attached news release and backgrounders dated October 28, 1993, entitled "Alberta Government Revamps Appointment Policy"

Sessional Paper 264/99

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

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from T.J. Ferguson, Chairperson, Spruce Grove Community Policing Municipal Committee, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and letter dated January 15, 1999, from Bill Kirtley, Chairman, Stettler and County Community Advisory Committee, both addressed to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, and expressing support for legislation under the Traffic Safety Act that would prohibit individuals from riding in the box of pickup trucks

Sessional Paper 265/99

Letter dated December 14, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding guidelines for submitting petitions

Sessional Paper 266/99

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

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Heather Smyth and John Wilson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, expressing opposition to the building of "legislative fences" that exclude same-sex couples from legal benefits that heterosexual couples enjoy

Sessional Paper 267/99

4 e-mail messages dated February 26, 1999 to March 15, 1999, as a sample of many items of correspondence received regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, expressing support for equal rights for same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 268/99

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

Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, sponsored by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, with highlighted revisions and stricken out text in sections 1 through 8

Sessional Paper 269/99

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

Media release dated March 15, 1999, from the Alberta Pine Shake Homeowners Association (APSHA) entitled "Alberta Pine Shake Homeowners Association - Working Towards Tax Adjustment," prepared by Fred D. Holtslag, President, APSHA

Sessional Paper 270/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, expressing concern regarding the recent appointment of Mr. S. Kushner to the Labour Relations Board

Sessional Paper 271/99

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

Information sheet entitled "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," depicting the Alberta Liberal Fiscal Plan entitled "A Balanced Approach," March 1997, and the Progressive Conservative Budget entitled "Budget '99: The Right Balance," March 1999

Sessional Paper 272/99

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

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, the reasoned amendment to Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act

Sessional Paper 273/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

New Democrat Opposition position paper dated March 17, 1999, entitled "Equality for All: A Position Paper on Same-Sex Issues," submitted by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona

Sessional Paper 274/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team gold medal winners at the 1999 CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Women's Basketball Championship.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999, as recognized in events organized by the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR).

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Fiona Smith, Jennifer Botterill, Danielle Goyette, and Hayley Wickenheiser, members of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team gold medal winners of a fifth consecutive world championship held in Espoo, Finland, March 13-14, 1999.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: University of Lethbridge Faculty of Arts and Science linking of environmental education with colleges through their Two Plus Two Environmental Sciences Degree Program.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Leah Hepner, Junior Women's gold medal winner at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships held in Ottawa, January 27-31, 1999.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 21st Canadian Deaf Curling Championships sponsored by the Edmonton Deaf Curling Association to be held at the Avonair Curling Club, March 21-27, 1999.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: University of Calgary hosting its first Citizenship Court Ceremony to be held March 22, 1999, in partnership with the Calgary Police Service to recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ42. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for each of the school boards in the Province?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ4. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for sanding, salting and the clearance of snow on provincial highways; how much was paid to Department staff; and how much was paid to private contractors?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 *for primary highway maintenance activities for the winter months (November to March)*?

WQ24. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for provincial highway maintenance (excluding snow clearing and related work), how much was paid to Department staff and how much was paid to private contractors?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for *primary* highway maintenance *activities for the summer months (April to October)*?

WQ34. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to provincial primary highway maintenance and preservation; with respect to each year, how much was spent on administration, how much on work carried out on the highways, how much on inspections and auditing?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance *with respect to supervision, inspections and audit*?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ6. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Did the Agenda and Priorities Committee, the Treasury Board, and/or members of the Executive Council ever receive risk assessments or valuation analyses of the July 13, 1994, and September 26, 1994, refinancing proposals between the Alberta Treasury Branches, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation and Nomura Securities International?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What analysis was prepared for Treasury Board and/or members of the Executive Council to show that the October 31, 1994, refinancing package for the West Edmonton Mall involved less risk and exposure to the Alberta Treasury Branches than the March 10, 1994, proposal between Alberta Treasury Branches and Gentra Canada Investments Inc.?

WQ43. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost for major highways and secondary roads (separately) under provincial jurisdiction projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000?

WQ44. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 in each of the 17 Alberta Regional Health Authorities?

WQ45. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ25, WQ28, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156, WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179, WQ196, WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR8. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The final report submitted by George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. on the deficit elimination plan of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

Amery	Hierath	Pannu
Barrett	Jacques	Paszkowski
Blakeman	Johnson	Pham
Bonner	Jonson	Renner
Boutilier	Klapstein	Severtson
Broda	Kryczka	Sloan
Burgener	Langevin	Smith
Cardinal	Leibovici	Soetaert
Clegg	Lougheed	Strang
Dickson	MacDonald	Tannas
Ducharme	Mar	Tarchuk
Dunford	Marz	Taylor
Fritz	McFarland	Thurber
Graham	Nicol	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Herard		

Against the motion: 2

Friedel	Melchin
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The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR9. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

All deficit elimination plans submitted by Regional Health Authorities between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR10. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The report of the Long Term Care Review Policy Advisory Committee which was submitted to the Minister of Health in 1998.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR10 (debate adjourned), MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108 (debate adjourned), MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 3 and 4 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 135 Edmonton, Spruce Grove and St. Albert residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 134 Edmonton and Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 173 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Friedel, Chairman, Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, Final Report, March 1999

Sessional Paper 294/99

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 18, 1999, entitled “Alberta recognizes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,” produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 275/99

Information bulletin dated March 18, 1999, entitled "Information Rights Week to focus on people," produced by Alberta Community Development
Sessional Paper 276/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Nancy Miller to Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 277/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Doreen McKeigue, member of the Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 278/99

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

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Mrs. Catherine Varvis to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, regarding the desperate financial plight encountered with a family-owned liquor store following privatization of retail liquor businesses in Alberta

Sessional Paper 279/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

88 letters dated February 28, 1999, from concerned parents of Dan Knott Junior High School to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board, and in particular Dan Knott Junior High School, in attempting to balance their budget with increasing costs resulting in a loss of professional positions

Sessional Paper 280/99

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

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998, produced by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 281/99

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998, produced by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 282/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 16, 1999, from Inez Walker, Chair, Sexual Orientation, Pastoral Care and Justice Task Group, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for the extension of existing protections to all citizens in matters of same-sex relationships, same-sex benefits and adoption by same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 283/99

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Jonathan Chinn to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, due to the exclusion of gay and lesbian relationships from the definition of common law relationships

Sessional Paper 284/99

E-mail message dated March 11, 1999, from Ludger Gal to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for equal rights for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 285/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fact sheet dated March 17, 1999, entitled "MD-MLA Contact: There's no problem with direct billing of patients, so why Bill 7? Is it the stepping stone to American HMO-type Medicare for Albertans?" produced by Ronald A. Kustra, Assistant Executive Director, Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 286/99

Letter dated January 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Ms Mathewson, Past President, Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society, in response to a December 15, 1998 letter regarding the need for enhanced services for individuals with brain injuries

Sessional Paper 287/99

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Health Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting the attendance of prescribed persons to respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes pursuant to Standing Order 56(4)

Sessional Paper 288/99

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffer, in response to a March 17, 1999 letter expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, the reasoned amendment to Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act

Sessional Paper 289/99

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

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Julie C. Lloyd, Barrister and Solicitor, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre; and Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing support by Equal Alberta for the amendment to Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, as filed on March 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 290/99

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

Article revised August 5, 1996, entitled "Does Cutting Tax Rates Increase Economic Growth?" produced by Richard Kogan

Sessional Paper 291/99

Article revised August 13, 1996, entitled "Supply Side Tax Cuts: Issue Analysis and Background Information," produced by the Concord Coalition

Sessional Paper 292/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mrs. Laing, Chair, Family and Social Services Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting the attendance of prescribed persons to respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes pursuant to Standing Order 56(4)

Sessional Paper 293/99

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-13.2, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Year in Review 1997-98, Review of Activities for the Year Ending March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 295/99

Oral Question Period

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

Fact sheet dated March 1999, entitled "Polybutylene (Poly-B) Pressure Water Piping," produced by Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 296/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding cultural diversity as recognized with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999, first celebrated in 1989, and the Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund which promotes respect, equality and cultural diversity through educational programs and services.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, read a Theodore Roosevelt quote applicable to Cathryn Staring-Parish, Cynthia Joines and Donna White in their efforts to coordinate the Save Our Schools (SOS) petition drive to support increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation formed in 1985 to promote multicultural public education and awareness as celebrated in a Harmony Breakfast held at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton, March 20, 1999, marking the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 22 to March 25, 1999:

Monday, March 22	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Government Motions
			Government Motion 18
			Second Reading
			Bills 16, 17
			Third Reading
			Bills 7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
			And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 6 and 7
Subcommittees
 (A) Treasury (Assembly)
 (Day 6, Main Estimates)
 (B) Justice and Attorney General
 (Room 512, Legislature Building)
 (Day 7, Main Estimates)
 And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 23

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Community Development
 (Main Estimates)
 And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Days 8 and 9
Subcommittees
 (D) Economic Development
 (Assembly)
 (Day 9, Main Estimates)
 (C) Agriculture, Food and Rural
 Development (Room 512,
 Legislature Building)
 (Day 8, Main Estimates)
 And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Main Estimates Days 10 and 11

(B) Transportation and Utilities
(Assembly)
(Day 10, Main Estimates)

(A) Advanced Education and
Career Development (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 11, Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday
(Day 12, Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The Committee of Supply considered the motion proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Family and Social Services on March 19, 1999 at 8:00 a.m.

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

For the motion: 11

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	Leibovici	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	White
Dickson	Paul	

Against the motion: 40

Amery	Hlady	Paszkowski
Broda	Jacques	Renner
Burgener	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Smith
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Coutts	Kryczka	Strang
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lougheed	Thurber
Friedel	McFarland	Trynchy
Fritz	Melchin	Woloshyn
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hancock	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hierath		

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, moved that the Committee rise and report. 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: 23

Broda	Jacques	Severtson
Cardinal	Johnson	Smith
Clegg	Klapstein	Strang
Coutts	Langevin	Thurber
Doerksen	Lougheed	Trynchy
Ducharme	McFarland	Yankowsky
Friedel	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hierath	Renner	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

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

Education, Mrs. Soetaert to replace Ms Olsen

Environmental Protection, Ms Sloan to replace Mr. Gibbons

Family and Social Services, Mr. MacDonald to replace Ms Olsen

Family and Social Services, Dr. Massey to replace Ms Carlson

Municipal Affairs, Mr. Bonner to replace Ms Paul

Sessional Paper 297/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Family and Social Services on March 19, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 298/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Health on March 22, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. — Defeated

Sessional Paper 299/99

On the motion to concur in the report of the Committee of Supply, the question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Broda	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Klapstein	Smith
Clegg	Langevin	Strang
Coutts	Lougheed	Thurber
Doerksen	McFarland	Trynchy
Ducharme	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Friedel	Renner	Zwozdesky
Jacques		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 109 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 112 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 224 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 218 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 109 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 112 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 128 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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 the Province of Alberta, petition the Alberta Legislative Assembly to revise Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, first read Monday, March 1, 1999, as follows:

1. Require a publicly elected board approval for hunting and vehicle use in any natural areas. Disallow all currently prohibited hunting and vehicles in natural areas such as White Goat, Siffleur, Ghost River and Kananaskis until such time the publicly elected board reviews recommendations of environment scientists, Provincial and National Parks staff and the public.
2. Introduce significantly higher standards of environmental qualifications for approval and monitoring of industrial activity in natural areas, to protect ecologically fragile natural areas.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta, Annual Report 1998 entitled "Helping to Build a Healthier Community," with attached five information brochures

Sessional Paper 300/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Government of Alberta Strategic Business Plan for Seniors 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 301/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Avery Harrison, Head Coach, S.A.I.T. (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) Trojan Women's Basketball Team, offering congratulations to the team and coaches on winning the CCAA (Canadian Colleges Athletic Association) National Championships

Sessional Paper 302/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Don Horwood, Head Coach, University of Alberta Golden Bears Basketball Team, offering congratulations to the players, coaches and training staff of the University of Alberta Golden Bears for competing at the final game of the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Men's Basketball Championships

Sessional Paper 303/99

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

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the final report of the Select Special Committee on Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and attempts to address the implications of Bill C-54 through the Committee, with attached position paper entitled "Dissent from the Preliminary Report of the Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee," revised January 20, 1999

Sessional Paper 304/99

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

New Democrat Opposition Backgrounder dated March 22, 1999, entitled "Education Funding: The Klein Legacy"

Sessional Paper 305/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

M.E.A.C. - Maintenance Enforcement Action Committee information brochure
Sessional Paper 306/99

E-mail message dated March 17, 1999, from Robert Wm. Smith, Equal Alberta, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, the position of the lesbian and gay community in defining the term "spouse" and expressing support for equality for all members of society regardless of race, colour, religious belief, cultural background, social and economic status, sex and sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 307/99

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

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Pauline Knittle, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.) member, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice
Sessional Paper 308/99

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

Letter dated February 16, 1999, from Ms Lois Argue to Hon. Mr. Monty Solberg, Reform Party of Canada Critic for Finance, expressing concern regarding current funding levels allocated to seniors and in particular retired provincial public service employees

Sessional Paper 309/99

Petition signed by 16 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 310/99

Petition signed by 28 Edmonton residents expressing opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation, and requesting the extension of the same rights to both heterosexual and homosexual citizens

Sessional Paper 311/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

18 letters from parents of Meyokumin School to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting increased funding for public education and expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing Meyokumin School in attempting to deal with current education funding levels resulting in a loss of professional positions

Sessional Paper 312/99

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

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Sylvia Masikewich, Finance Chairperson, Dovercourt Community League, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the mishandling of major changes in the Terms and Conditions and Bingo Operating Guidelines by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 313/99

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

Fact sheet dated August 23, 1998, entitled "Senate Reform: A Proposal," produced by R. Pudrycki

Sessional Paper 314/99

Recognitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Emergency 911 service provision by firefighters, police and emergency medical service personnel to Highwood, Nanton, Stavely, Fort Macleod, Claresholm, Granum, Livingstone-Macleod, and Willow Creek.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Lymburn Elementary School rally in support for increased funding to public education, March 21, 1999.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Information Rights Week, March 22-28, 1999, initiated by the Canadian Library Association and themed "Put People in the Picture."

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Information Rights Week, March 22-28, 1999, sponsored by the Canadian Library Association and the role of librarians working in conjunction with computer information through the Internet.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: YMCA Minority Achievement Program (YMAP) career planning and life skills training program with assistance in job placements.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Alberta Lung Association's 11th annual asthma and allergy fund raising campaign, March 15, 1999 to April 3, 1999.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Coach Don Horwood and the University of Alberta Golden Bears Basketball Team competing at the final game of the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Men's Basketball Championships held in Halifax, March 19-21, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1999 — 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 Dr. Massey reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has also 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 1999-2002

Sessional Paper 315/99

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 61 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, presented a petition from 1,565 Albertans urging the Government to designate the Grand Theatre/Lougheed Building in Calgary in recognition of its Provincial importance and historical value.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 24, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ25, WQ28, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59,
 WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67.

Motions for Returns: MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36,
 MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52,
 MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65,
 MR66, MR76, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR111.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Community Action Plan: Reducing Homelessness in Calgary, sponsored by the Homeless Initiative Ad Hoc Steering Committee, dated May 25, 1998

Sessional Paper 316/99

Count of Homeless Persons in Downtown Calgary: May 21, 1998, prepared by the Social Research Unit, Community and Social Development Department, City of Calgary, dated July 1998

Sessional Paper 317/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Media release dated March 23, 1999, entitled "Alberta Tops Fiscal Performance Index," highlighting Alberta's out-performance of all other Canadian provinces and the 46 American states ranked, with attached report entitled "Fiscal Performance Index 1999," produced by the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 318/99

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

Letter dated March 12, 1999, from Rod J. Dempster, Vice President, Weyerhaeuser Canada, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, affirming support for Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 319/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from William M. Hunter, Vice President, Operations and General Manager, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc., to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing support for Bill 15, Natural Heritage, Act and the Special Places 2000 initiative

Sessional Paper 320/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Fact sheet, undated, ranking 1997-98 school year per-pupil expenditures in the Canadian provinces and American states highlighting Alberta's 58th ranking, prepared by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National Education Association

Sessional Paper 321/99

News release dated August 28, 1992, entitled "Major Construction Contract Awarded for Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary," with attached excerpt pages of the Public Accounts 1993-94 and 1994-95 detailing expenditures for the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary

Sessional Paper 322/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to a question raised by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition during Oral Question Period, on February 23, 1999 as accepted by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 323/99

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 1997-98	Sessional Paper 324/99
Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 325/99
Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 326/99
Peace Health Region, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 327/99
Keeweenaw Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 328/99
Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 329/99
Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 330/99
Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 331/99
Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 332/99
David Thompson Health Region (DHR), Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 333/99
WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 334/99
East Central Regional Health Authority #7 (ECRHA7), Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 335/99
Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 336/99
Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 337/99
Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 338/99
Chinook Health Region (CHR), Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 339/99
Health Authority #5, Annual Report 1997-98	Sessional Paper 340/99

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

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Bernie Karcher, President, Uncles at Large (Edmonton Area) Society, to Bob King, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, expressing concern regarding the likely negative effects of the new Bingo Guidelines and Conditions proposed by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 341/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1999, Department of Community Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 342/99

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

Blank petition form expressing support for funding allocations to speech language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs, copy provided to Members of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 343/99

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Mr. Erhard Bucholz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canada Lands Company, summarizing the February 19, 1999 discussion regarding CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Calgary following a meeting in Ottawa

Sessional Paper 344/99

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding the interest by Calgary's Mount Royal College to acquire approximately 10% of the Canadian Forces Base Calgary

Sessional Paper 345/99

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

Letter dated February 15, 1999, from Mrs. Gunn Kureluk to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the current funding levels to education and the inequity in the proportion of instructional funds each school division receives to cover the costs of instructional staff

Sessional Paper 346/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Safety Codes Council, Three-Year Business Plan (1999-2001), dated January 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 347/99

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 348/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Wendy Webb, parent of a grade one Laurier Heights School student, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the current funding level allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 349/99

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Birgit Raynard-Pettit, parent of a Laurier Heights School student, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the current funding level allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 350/99

Letter dated February 21, 1999, from Kathie and Michael Brett to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding funding allocations to schools and expressing concern regarding the meeting of minimal standards by schools

Sessional Paper 351/99

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

Letter dated February 19, 1999 from Nellie Spicer, Chair, Restorative Justice Task Group, Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding the restriction of rights and freedoms based on sexual orientation, with attached 11 letters dated March 14-16, 1999, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding the discriminatory provisions included in Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 relating to same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 352/99

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Danny Kinal, Principal, St. Clement Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the elimination of racial discrimination and the inappropriate comment by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, in the Legislative Assembly on March 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 353/99

Calgary Herald editorial dated February 15, 1999, page A14, entitled "A voice at last," describing the underfunding of Calgary's infrastructure needs as addressed by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 354/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the partisan position of the Prime Minister of Canada with respect to Calgary Mount Royal College's interest to acquire base lands of CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Calgary through the Canada Lands Company, and further failures by the Federal Government to support the national responsibilities of post-secondary education, veteran affairs, and historic sites.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding labour difficulties experienced by Hinton's millworkers, Dynamic Furniture, Georgia Pacific, Canada Safeway, Maple Leaf Foods, and Michener Centre, and the importance of the integrity and legitimacy of the Labour Relations Board in promoting harmonious labour relations in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Bryce Brody, Alanna Prevoux, Karen Derringer, and Anna-Marie Tomichesky, Leaders of Tomorrow Award recipients, sponsored by Camrose and District Support Services for dedication and excellence in volunteer efforts and community contributions.

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 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on March 3, 1999, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that", and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate on the amendment adjourned, Ms Leibovici speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the establishment of a unified family court or other similar family law court structure to handle all cases related to family law, in an effort to provide a more efficient and accessible way to deal with problems arising from family breakdown and disputes.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

506. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the creation of a system of accountability for Alberta's health care system which would outline performance measures in an attempt to monitor system efficiency and identify a standard of care for patients.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999 — 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 Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Community Development:

Backgrounder dated November 3, 1998, entitled “Steering Committee Members for the Study on the Impact of the Aging Population,” produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 355/99

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

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mrs. O'Neill

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

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

News release dated March 24, 1999, entitled "Alberta Environmental Protection Issues Fire Ban for Southwest Part of the Province," produced by Alberta Environmental Protection, with attached Ministerial Order 15/99: Fire Control Order and provincial map detailing the fire control area

Sessional Paper 356/99

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

Letter dated July 22, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Letters to the Editor, Calgary Herald, regarding "Illustrating Our Point," published in the July 20, 1998 issue of the Calgary Herald expressing concern on the recent salary hike for Cabinet Ministers' Executive Assistants through Order in Council 192/98, with attached background correspondence dated May 20, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and response received from Peter Elzinga, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier, dated June 29, 1998

Sessional Paper 357/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Fact sheet graph entitled "Industrial Disputes: Working Days Lost per 1,000 Employees, Annual Average, 1987-1996," dated February 1999, highlighting Alberta's ranking being the lowest of listed G7 countries

Sessional Paper 358/99

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

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from Neil S. Parry, parent of two French Immersion Program students in the Parkland School Division at Queen Street School, to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, regarding the education funding review and expressing concern for the current funding shortfall allocated to education

Sessional Paper 359/99

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Mr. David LaSuisse to Pat Waquan, Chair, Poundmaker Lodge Board, calling for a meeting on March 25, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Chateau Louis Hotel in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 360/99

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

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Mr. Boutilier, Chair, Environmental Protection Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting the attendance of Dr. John Waters, M.D., Provincial Health Officer, to attend and respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes, pursuant to Standing Order 56(4)

Sessional Paper 361/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Mr. Boutilier, Chair, Environmental Protection Designated Supply Subcommittee, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, responding to a request for the appearance of a witness before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 362/99

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to Mr. Severtson, Chair, Education Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting the attendance of Mr. Jim Dueck, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, to attend and respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes, pursuant to Standing Order 56(4)

Sessional Paper 363/99

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Mr. Severtson, Chair, Education Designated Supply Subcommittee, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, responding to a request for the appearance of a witness before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Education

Sessional Paper 364/99

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

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Judith E.M. Evans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing disappointment with the current funding allocation to public education

Sessional Paper 365/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Bauni Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing the concerns of Alberta's teachers with the proposed elimination of the Board of Reference as proposed in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 366/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

5 e-mail messages dated March 22-23, 1999, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to Bill 6, Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999, with 2 attached e-mail messages dated March 22, 1999, expressing opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 367/99

Recognitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: S.A.I.T. (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) Trojan's Women's Basketball Team, winners at the CCAA (Canadian Colleges Athletic Association) National Championships.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: annual fund raising dinner held March 19, 1999 by the Bridge Foundation, as created by Dr. John Wu to address challenges faced by immigrant youth.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Economic Development Edmonton's Ambassador Awards of Excellence ceremony held on March 18, 1999.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: donation of a watercolour painting by Christopher Lucas to Highlands Junior High School.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Wetaskiwin Credit Union's 60th anniversary celebrated March 20-21, 1999.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: contribution of the Environmental Law Centre Alberta Society, nonprofit charitable organization created in 1982.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Ryan Blais, Melissa Prefontaine, Blake Robson, and Rhonda Sandau, medal winning athletes competing at the 1999 Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20 to March 6, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ47. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What statistics and standards were used to determine that 80% of participants in employment and training initiatives are either off welfare or working and receiving a supplement to their earnings, as outlined in the 1997-98 Family and Social Services Annual Report?

WQ58. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What are the reasons for appeal and breakdown of decisions reached in the 485 appeals heard by the Child Welfare Citizen's Appeal Panel during the 1997-98 fiscal year?

WQ59. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What investigations have been completed, or are presently being undertaken, to determine the reasons for the increase in the Child Welfare caseload from 7,605 in 1993-94 to 11,258 in 1997-98?

WQ61. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What is the definition of "priority placement" for pregnant women who are at an increased risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child?

WQ63. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What are the medical protocols at the Herb Jamieson-Hope Mission Single Men's Hostel?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ25. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears or did not receive the full amount of court-ordered support at any point in time during the 1997-98 fiscal year?

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

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears or did not receive the full amount of court-ordered support *as at December 31, 1997*?

WQ49. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many staff positions were vacant on the first and fifteenth of each month in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999?

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

How many staff positions were vacant in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program *on a quarterly basis for the period December 31, 1995 to February 28, 1999?*

WQ62. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What expenditures were made to the members of, and on behalf of, the Judicial Compensation Commission in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

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

What *aggregate* expenditures were made to, *and on behalf of, the members of* the Judicial Compensation Commission in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

WQ67. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

On the first and fifteenth of each month in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999, how many individuals occupying permanent or contract positions were on long-term disability or absent due to a Workers' Compensation Board claim in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program?

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

At the end of each month in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999, how many individuals occupying permanent or contract positions were on disability due to a Workers' Compensation Board claim in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ28. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program relate to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payor is resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156, WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179, WQ196, WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of all reports and comparisons of the costs and/or benefits of the privatization of provincial highway maintenance and preservation completed between January 1, 1994 and February 16, 1999.

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *summary* reports and comparisons of the costs and/or benefits of the *outsourcing of primary* highway maintenance *completed since January 1, 1994*.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR9. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

All deficit elimination plans submitted by Regional Health Authorities between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

MR10. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The report of the Long Term Care Review Policy Advisory Committee which was submitted to the Minister of Health in 1998.

Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR16. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, and reports prepared by or for, as well as sent to, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1994 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to financial transactions involving West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., Triple Five Corporation Limited, Toronto Dominion Bank, Nomura Canada, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation, TD Trust Company, 606881 Alberta Ltd., 333856 Alberta Ltd., 218703 Alberta Ltd., 298936 Alberta Ltd., 342322 Alberta Ltd., the West Edmonton Mall and Alberta Treasury Branches.

A debate followed.

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

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR16 (debate adjourned), MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108 (debate adjourned), MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:28 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 24, 1999 — 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 assumed the Chair and Dr. Massey 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 also like to table copies of a motion agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply, changing the membership of the Designated Supply Subcommittees, for the official records of the Assembly:

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

Environmental Protection, Ms Olsen to replace Mr. White
Sessional Paper 368/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon the prescribed witness to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Environmental Protection on March 25, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 369/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Education on March 26, 1999 at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66 — Defeated
Sessional Paper 370/99

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 100 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 99 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 101 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

That the Legislative Assembly recognize the service of Albertans in the present North Atlantic Treaty Organization action in the former Yugoslavia.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Mr. Stevens

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Mr. Stevens

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Comparison of Alberta's Environmental Standards to Those of Other North American Jurisdictions, produced by Alberta Environmental Protection, dated March 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 371/99

Mrs. Macbeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 24, 1999, from Mrs.,MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a meeting with the Superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, trustees, parent councils, and any interested citizens to discuss the state of public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 372/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 373/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1997-98 entitled "Building Partnerships"

Sessional Paper 374/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Environmental Protection: Key Performance Measures," highlighting the surface water quality index

Sessional Paper 375/99

Fact sheet entitled "Environmental Protection: Ministry Manpower Authorization, Full-time Equivalent Employment," New Democrat Opposition Backgrounder, dated March 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 376/99

Northern River Basins Study: Report to the Ministers 1996, excerpt pages 129, 136, 153 and 154, highlighting key contaminant issues and summary of cumulative environmental effects

Sessional Paper 377/99

The Law of Nature - In Response to Bill 15: The Natural Heritage Act, produced by Staff Counsel, Environmental Law Centre, dated March 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 378/99

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

News release dated March 24, 1999, entitled "\$600M Education Spending Increase 1999-2002 - Lets Have a Look," produced by S.P.E.A.K. (Support Public Education Act for Kids)

Sessional Paper 379/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Alberta Traditional Chinese Medical Science and Acupuncture Association, news releases, position statement and correspondence regarding the exclusion of Acupuncturists from the Health Summit '99

Sessional Paper 380/99

Long Term Care Review Public Consultation Meeting: Results Report, produced by the Central Alberta Council on Aging, David Thompson Health Region, and facilitated by Terry Vaughan, held in Red Deer on January 11, 1999

Sessional Paper 381/99

Health Care of the Elderly in Central Alberta, produced by the Central Alberta Council on Aging, dated January 1997

Sessional Paper 382/99

The Status of Brain Injury in Alberta: Incidence, Support and Services, A Presentation to the Standing Policy Committee on Health Planning, February 2, 1999, submitted by the Brain Injury Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 383/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Donna Tingley, Executive Director, Environmental Law Centre, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding a legal analysis of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, prepared by the Environmental Law Centre's legal staff

Sessional Paper 384/99

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Sarah Morrison to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 385/99

E-mail message dated March 23, 1999, from Serena Rose, resident of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 386/99

Letter dated March 24, 1999, from Jackie Powell to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing disagreement with the provisions of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, with attached newspaper articles entitled "Province's efforts receive miserable mark" and "Destructive policies must be stopped"

Sessional Paper 387/99

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

YMCA Edmonton, Annual Report 1998 entitled "Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities," with attached pamphlet entitled "Edmonton YMCA Foundation: Building Tomorrow Together" and YMCA Edmonton publication entitled "Development," Winter 1999 issue

Sessional Paper 388/99

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

Letter dated March 12, 1999, from Wm. F. Young to Mayor Bill Smith and Edmonton Councillors, expressing opposition regarding Edmonton's Transportation Plan utilization of 75th Street and 50th Street and suggesting public transportation alternatives

Sessional Paper 389/99

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

Letter dated February 3, 1999, from Mr. and Mrs. John J. de Groot to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding discrepancies within the health care system relating to insulin treatments

Sessional Paper 390/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 24, 1999, from Joan Cunningham, Principal, St. Monica Catholic Primary School, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concerns regarding a lack of salary increases for teachers and principals

Sessional Paper 391/99

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, read a letter to the Members to be sent to Brigadier General Don Ross from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, expressing best wishes on behalf of the Government to members of the Canadian Armed Forces currently serving in the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) peace effort in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding economic and community benefits experienced due to the expansion of Edmonton Garrison Griesbach Base (Canadian Forces Base Edmonton), and the social implications of their community efforts and contributions.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing Project Russia, a humanitarian aid initiative organized by Dr. Wade Pike and supported by voluntary efforts from numerous agencies and businesses to assist Yakutsk region during a difficult economic period.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 29 to April 1, 1999:

Monday, March 29	<div data-bbox="550 495 1026 808"> Aft. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 17, 20 Committee of the Whole Bills 14, 18 Third Reading And as per Order Paper </div> <div data-bbox="550 821 1026 1312"> Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Days 13 and 14 Subcommittees (D) Science, Research and Information Technology (Assembly) (Day 13, Main Estimates) (C) Public Works, Supply and Services (Room 512, Legislature Building) (Day 14, Main Estimates) And as per Order Paper </div>
Tuesday, March 30	<div data-bbox="550 1325 1026 1497"> (4:30) - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Reporting: Executive Council </div>

Second Reading

Bills 17, 20

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates Day 15

Reporting: Intergovernmental and
Aboriginal Affairs; Justice and
Attorney General; Energy**Second Reading**

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 31 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates Day 16

Reporting: Treasury; Labour;
Agriculture, Food and Rural
Development; Economic
Development**Second Reading**

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, April 1 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday (Day 17,
Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

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:

That the Legislative Assembly recognize the service of Albertans in the present North Atlantic Treaty Organization action in the former Yugoslavia.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, 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, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Monday, March 29, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 58 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 68 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 26 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 61 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 101 Albertans requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 62 Nampa and Peace River residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 35 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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 urge the Government to make public today the complete unedited report and recommendations of the Bill 37 Review Panel.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR77 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 10, 1999:

All invoices billed to the Public Affairs Bureau for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

Sessional Paper 392/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Daum, University of Alberta Golden Bears, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning the gold medal at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 393/99

Letter dated March 25, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in response to a March 24, 1999 letter requesting a meeting with the Superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, trustees, parent councils, and any interested citizens to discuss the state of public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 394/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta's Commitment to Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 395/99

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

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Paul Galbraith, President, Students' Union, University of Calgary, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the Government's post-secondary education tuition policy, with an attached report entitled "University Accessibility in Alberta," prepared by the Students' Union, University of Calgary, dated March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 396/99

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

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from the St. Joseph's School Council, St. Joseph's Elementary School, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the current funding allocations and requesting increased funding for public and separate education

Sessional Paper 397/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Darryl Anderson to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, registering a protest regarding the lack of consultation by Government with teachers on the proposed amendments to the School Act, and the deprofessionalization of teachers with the elimination of the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 398/99

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

Letter dated November 12, 1998, from Cindy Mah, Consultant, KPMG Consulting Services, to Mr. Graham Ferguson, Vice President Government and Individual, Alberta Blue Cross, regarding the results of the 1998 survey of provincial prescription drug benefit formulas

Sessional Paper 399/99

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

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1999, Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 400/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Background Paper No. 11: Administration of Family Law, The Unified Family Court, Constitutional Opinions, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated May 1978

Sessional Paper 401/99

Working Paper No. 1: The Family Court, produced by the Law Reform Commission of Canada

Sessional Paper 402/99

Working Paper: Family Court, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated April 1972

Sessional Paper 403/99

Report No. 25: Family Law Administration - The Unified Family Court, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated April 1978

Sessional Paper 404/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

24 feedback forms dated February 16-24, 1999, from parents of James Gibbons School students to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing ideas regarding the future of public education as described in district priorities for 1999-2002 adopted by the Board of Trustees

Sessional Paper 405/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding the joint agreement reached on March 29, 1999 between the Department of Transportation and Utilities and the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC) to address highway safety concerns regarding the safe transportation of oilwell service rigs.

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

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring Convention held in Edmonton, March 29-31, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World Theatre Day, March 27, 1999, and Alberta's theatrical community and organizations.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: most valuable player Cam Danyluk and the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning their ninth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship, March 28, 1999.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Young Authors Celebrate '99 Conference held at Bishop Grandin High School in Calgary, March 27, 1999.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: 4-Wing Cold Lake personnel for their contribution to the NATO peace effort in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Mill Woods Pentecostal Assembly holding an Easter production called "Have You Heard" on March 27-30, 1999 in their new facility.

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 make public today the complete unedited report and recommendations of the Bill 37 Review Panel.

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 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

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

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Smith, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 13 and 14 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg 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 Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:11 p.m. until Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 101 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 101 Edmonton and area residents requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 31, 1999:

Written Questions:	WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156.
Motions for Returns:	MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

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

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on March 17, 1999, Department of Energy, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 406/99

News release dated March 30, 1999, entitled “EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) Prepared to Approve Suncor Millennium Oil Sands Mine Application,” with attached Decision Report 99-7 dated March 29, 1999, entitled “Application by Suncor Energy Inc. for Amendment of Approval No. 8101 for the Proposed Project Millennium Development”

Sessional Paper 407/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Press release dated March 22, 1999, entitled “Moody’s Places the Domestic Currency Rating of the Province of Alberta Under Review for Possible Upgrade,” produced by Moody’s Investors Service

Sessional Paper 408/99

Credit news release dated March 19, 1999, entitled “CBRS (Canadian Bond Rating Service) Reaffirms the Province of Alberta at ‘AA+’ and ‘A-1(High)’” produced by the Canadian Bond Rating Service

Sessional Paper 409/99

Fact sheet chart dated September 30, 1998, entitled “Canadian Government Ratings at a Glance,” produced by Alberta Treasury Liability Management, detailing credit ratings assigned to the Federal Government and other Provincial Governments

Sessional Paper 410/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 23, 1999, Department of Community Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 411/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Rob Daum, Head Coach, Golden Bears Men's Hockey Team, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning their ninth national title with their gold medal win at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 412/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Howie Draper, Head Coach, Pandas Hockey Team, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Pandas Hockey Team on winning the silver medal at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) National Women's Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 413/99

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

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from A. Blair McPherson to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding an Edmonton Sun newspaper article published in the March 21, 1999 issue, expressing concern relating to threats to education and democracy through the control of educational content and the method of teaching, with attached Edmonton Journal Letter to the Editor dated March 23, 1999, entitled "Underfunded Public (Catholic) Schools"

Sessional Paper 414/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Province of Alberta, to Ms Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, requesting comments about medical standards proposed for non-hospital facilities that would, if approved, perform surgical procedures currently performed only in hospitals, with attached report dated December 1997, entitled "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta: Standards for Non-hospital Surgical Facilities"

Sessional Paper 415/99

Letter dated March 30, 1999, from Mrs. M. Christine Burdett to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing opposition on behalf of the Friends of Medicare to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session), and expressing support for the legislative proposals in Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, and Bill 201, Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights (24th Legislature, 2nd Session)

Sessional Paper 416/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated February 23, 1999, from Bill Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the inadequate compensation awarded to victims of forced sterilization, improper confinement and abuse, with attached letters dated February 2 and 22, 1999 sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 417/99

E-mail message dated March 5, 1999, from Bill Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, offering biographical information and expressing appreciation for efforts made on behalf of his wife Phyllis Hamilton who was previously a ward of the Government

Sessional Paper 418/99

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

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Mike O'Brien, President, Calgary Catholic Teachers, Calgary Separate School Local No. 55, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing opposition to proposed amendments in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which would abolish the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 419/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Kurt Moench, President, Calgary Public Teachers, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, requesting the withdrawal of Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, until consultations with the Alberta Teachers' Association has occurred and expressing opposition to the abolishment of the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 420/99

Organizational Review Report, produced by the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), with attached remarks by Dr. John Morgan, Chair, Calgary Regional Health Authority, dated March 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 421/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Hansard excerpt pages dated February 17, 1999 to March 22, 1999, regarding comments made by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, relating to changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program (AISH), with attached seven related newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 422/99

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

The Cost of Privatization: A Case Study of Home Care in Manitoba, produced by Evelyn Shapiro, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 423/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Eid Al-Adha Festival, a Muslim holiday celebrated at the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, extending Eid Mubarak wishes on behalf of Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, and expressing appreciation to the Speaker for hosting the first celebration of Eid on behalf of the Alberta Legislative Assembly to be held March 30, 1999 in the Legislature Rotunda.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the Parents as Teachers Program in Lethbridge, a parenting skills education and support program provided by volunteer parents and supported by the Lethbridge Public School Board, Senator Buchanan Elementary School, Alberta School, Chinook Regional Health Authority, Lethbridge Public Library, and Sun Country Children Services.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Camrose Rotary Club, their efforts towards community development and involvement through the guiding principles "Service above self and he profits most who serves the best," and offering congratulations on their qualification for a Presidential Citation indicating high achievement for community excellence.

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 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on March 3, 1999, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that", and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

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

For the amendment: 38

Amery	Herard	Renner
Broda	Hierath	Severtson
Burgener	Johnson	Stelmach
Cardinal	Jonson	Stevens
Clegg	Klapstein	Tannas
Coutts	Kryczka	Taylor
Doerksen	Laing	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Trynchy
Evans	Magnus	West
Fischer	Marz	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McClellan	Yankowsky
Haley	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Paszkowski	

Against the amendment: 15

Barrett	Gibbons	Nicol
Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Pannu
Carlson	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Massey	Sloan

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the creation of a system of accountability for Alberta's health care system which would outline performance measures in an attempt to monitor system efficiency and identify a standard of care for patients.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to be used strategically to smooth over the instability of Alberta's revenue base and to ensure that health care, education and social service programs are protected from the threat of further expenditure reductions.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$14,022,000 Operating Expense

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1999 — 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 Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1999

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Energy

\$79,486,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

\$24,450,000 Operating Expense

Justice

\$372,020,000 Operating Expense and 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 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 124 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 105 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 105 Spruce Grove and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 77 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 177 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Responses to questions raised on March 22, 1999, Department of Treasury, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) debate

Sessional Paper 424/99

Edmonton Sun newspaper article dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Small poll shows big support for budget," published on page 16

Sessional Paper 425/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Community Lottery Board Grant Program back for a second year," with attached backgrounder entitled "Community Lottery Board grant and administrative funding for 1999-2000," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 426/99

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

News release dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Suncor Energy and TransAlta sign long-term power agreement," produced by Suncor Energy and TransAlta

Sessional Paper 427/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Province-Wide Services: 1998 Annual Report on Activities and Outcomes, produced by the Province-Wide Services Advisory Committee, Alberta Health, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 428/99

Report of the Bill 37 Review Panel, submitted to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, dated March 22, 1999, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session)

Sessional Paper 429/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Our Voice: The Spare Change Magazine, volume 6, issue number 4, dated April 1999, entitled "5 Years on the Street: Best of Our Voice, Anniversary Edition"

Sessional Paper 430/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 23, 1999, Department of Economic Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 431/99

Responses to questions raised on March 23, 1999, Department of Economic Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate, as submitted in writing by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford

Sessional Paper 432/99

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

Program: Celebration of Eid al-Adha by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, held by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in the Legislature Building Main Rotunda on March 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 433/99

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

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Clients with Significant Assets"

Sessional Paper 434/99

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

Letter dated February 3, 1995, from Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, to Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, regarding a request for Treasury's payroll and accounts payable joint venture information with the establishment of a joint venture partnership with ISM (Alberta) (Information Systems Management Corporation)

Sessional Paper 435/99

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

Letter dated March 25, 1999, from Lois Sterner, President, Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists (ASET) to the Members of the Legislative Assembly outlining ASET's position regarding Bill 18, Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999, and requesting the implementation of an Applied Science and Engineering Technologists' Act

Sessional Paper 436/99

Letter dated March 30, 1999, from Carol Bye, Lakedell School, and Larry Bye, Pigeon Lake Regional School, and fax dated March 30, 1999, from Peter and Hilary Gray to Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, as a sample of many letters received expressing opposition to proposed amendments in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which would abolish the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 437/99

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

Letter dated March 31, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, requesting a 1996 report evaluating dimensional stability, the 1997 report evaluating durability and any documentation regarding the testing of treated and untreated pine shingles

Sessional Paper 438/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 25, 1999, from Valeraine Benuit, Alberta Chapter member, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding the loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage in 1975 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 439/99

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, to Dr. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, responding to an April 15, 1999 request for comments on the "Proposed Standards for Long Stay NHSFs (Non-hospital surgical facilities)"

Sessional Paper 440/99

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta: Council Meeting Minutes, February 5, 1999

Sessional Paper 441/99

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, and Co-chair, Provincial Municipal Taskforce on Homelessness in Edmonton:

Public notice published in local newspapers entitled "Public Forum on Homelessness in Edmonton," to be held April 9, 1999 at the Stanley Milner Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Sessional Paper 442/99

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

Response to questions raised on March 29, 1999, by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East during Oral Question Period, regarding the Regional Response Improvement Program

Sessional Paper 443/99

Recognitions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Conchita de Pechlel de Avila, dance teacher and founder of the Conchita de Pechlel Spanish Dancers group as recognized in a March 21, 1999 event.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Larry Derkach and Martin Garber-Conrad of the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation, for their entrepreneurial venture "Our Voice," a street sold magazine discussing the issues of poverty and celebrating its 5th anniversary, April 1, 1999.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 50th anniversary of the completion of the Canada Confederation with the joining of Newfoundland.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Parkland Continuing Education Council celebrating its 25th anniversary with a vision to March 2000 "People with a passion for learning."

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 140 young adult constituents awarded scholarships: 129 receiving the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship, 10 receiving the Louise McKinney Scholarship, and one receiving the Ralph Steinhauer Award of Distinction.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: power engineers and boiler inspectors for their efforts to safely provide heat and light to society through the operation of power boilers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ71. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What indicators and statistics are used to determine the percentage of children who stay free from abuse or neglect while in the Ministry of Family and Social Services' care?

WQ72. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What are the membership and objectives of the Forever Homes Initiative Work Team?

WQ89. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What negotiations have taken place on the status of Aboriginal adoptions and the reasons for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the last fiscal year?

WQ90. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What is the breakdown of the approximate \$4 million of achievement awards to departmental staff, as outlined in the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Ministry of Family and Social Services?

WQ124. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many agreements has the Public Trustee entered into during the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, which specify that the Public Trustee will always act as the trustee of an individual notwithstanding that another person has been, or may be, appointed trustee of the individual pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act?

WQ125. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many applications has the Public Trustee made pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act in the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, to act as trustee for the estate of individuals who, at the time of the Public Trustee's application, had brought legal action against the Government or its agencies in respect of forced sterilizations or other personal injury actions?

WQ129. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What investment firms, banks, trust companies, or other advisors were retained by the Department of Justice and Attorney General to administer and invest trust funds, namely the Public Trustee Trusts, the various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts, Solicitors Trust, Institutional Trusts, and Impaired Driving Initiatives Trust, in each of the ten fiscal years ending March 31, 1998?

WQ132. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What administration fees does the Public Trustee charge and how are these fees administered by type of trust?

WQ156. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What was the cost of renovating the Justice of the Peace offices in Edmonton and Calgary in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ119. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the interest rate on the loan between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation for the period March 28, 1991 to February 16, 1999?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information is publicly available on the interest rate on the loan between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation for the period March 28, 1991 to February 16, 1999?

WQ126. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What efforts does the Public Trustee make to locate missing persons whose estates it administers and what percentage of missing persons were located in each of the past six fiscal years?

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

What efforts does the Public Trustee make to locate missing persons whose estates it administers?

WQ127. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many estates of missing persons does the Public Trustee administer and what is the aggregate dollar value of the assets of these estates?

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

How many estates of missing persons does the Public Trustee administer *where the assets of a missing person have been brought to the Public Trustee for administration* and what is the *net book* value of the *trust accounts held for such missing persons*?

WQ128. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What were the minimum and maximum amounts held in the trust funds being administered by the Department of Justice and Attorney General under the Public Trustee Trusts, the various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts, Solicitors Trust, Institutional Trusts, and Impaired Driving Initiatives Trust, in each calendar month during the five year period ending December 31, 1998?

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

What were the amounts held in the trust funds being administered by the Department of Justice and Attorney General under the Public Trustee Trusts, the various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts, Solicitors Trust, *and Institutional Trusts* in each *fiscal year* during the five year period ending *March 31, 1998*?

WQ130. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the amount of interest that has accrued on the Government's loan to Centennial Food Corporation between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information is publicly available on the amount of interest that has accrued on the Government's loan to Centennial Food Corporation between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999?

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, tabled the following:

Letter dated August 8, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, regarding a request for information regarding the Government's loan to Centennial Food Corporation
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WQ131. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the amount of participation payments received by the Government between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999 under its loan agreement with Centennial Food Corporation?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information is publicly available on the amount of participation payments received by the Government between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999 under its loan agreement with Centennial Food Corporation?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ122. Moved by Ms Olsen:

What was the average rate of return on trust funds administered by the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the Public Trustee Trusts, the various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts, Solicitors Trust, Institutional Trusts, and Impaired Driving Initiative Trusts, for each of the ten fiscal years ending March 31, 1998?

WQ123. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

When did the Agenda and Priorities Committee, the Treasury Board, and/or members of the Executive Council first consider the July 13, 1994 and September 26, 1994, refinancing proposals between the Alberta Treasury Branches, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation and Nomura Securities International?

WQ133. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

On what basis and on whose advice did the February 14, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee meeting agree that no agreement between Alberta Treasury Branches and Gentra Canada Investments Inc. be finalized?

WQ154. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

When did Treasury Board and/or members of the Executive Council become aware of the decision to replace Nomura Asset Capital Corporation and Nomura Securities International with the Toronto Dominion Bank or its subsidiaries as the lead lender for the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall?

WQ155. Moved by Ms Olsen:

How many toxicology tests did the Medical Examiner's offices undertake in the period April 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999 where the results were not received for more than 7 days, what were the names of these tests, and what was the minimum, maximum, and average turn around time for results for these tests received by February 16, 1999?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179, WQ196, WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204, WQ206, WQ210.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR51. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Records of negotiations and contracts between the Department of Family and Social Services and the University of Calgary School of Social Work for research on child abuse between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

MR52. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Documentation completed by the Children's Advocate Office on child welfare caseload increases and the effects of the increase on front-line staff.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to accept Motions for Returns: MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, and MR70 as a collective.

MR53. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since September 1, 1998.

MR54. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Copies of minutes from the Forever Homes Work Team meetings between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

MR55. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Drafts of the Forever Homes Work Team action plan identifying policy, practice, training, communication and resource requirements for the Forever Homes initiative.

MR60. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Interprovincial comparison reports from the Children's Advocate Office for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 22, 1999.

MR64. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposals for projects targeting women at risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child.

MR65. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Documentation from the negotiations on the role of the Children's Advocate with the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities.

MR66. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Agreements and arrangement between the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services as part of their business plans and operational plans.

MR68. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility for hard to manage youth requiring behaviour management to remediate their behaviours, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

MR69. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposal on the ten-bed facility which would provide basic care for youth requiring shelter, with an outreach capacity attached that would serve both children with Child Welfare Status and without, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

MR70. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility to provide care for youth with drug and alcohol addiction/abuse issues, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

MR74. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Copies of agreements and arrangements between the Department of Family and Social Services and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

MR75. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Records of the review on the Stoney First Nation's childcare services for the period April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR16. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, and reports prepared by or for, as well as sent to, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1994 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to financial transactions involving West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., Triple Five Corporation Limited, Toronto Dominion Bank, Nomura Canada, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation, TD Trust Company, 606881 Alberta Ltd., 333856 Alberta Ltd., 218703 Alberta Ltd., 298936 Alberta Ltd., 342322 Alberta Ltd., the West Edmonton Mall and Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR35. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All proposals submitted to the Department of Health for funding under the Federal Government's Health Transition Fund from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.

MR36. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All agreements with Hill and Knowlton for services provided to the Department of Health from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.

MR37. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All agreements approved by the Minister of Health for the provision of insured services in non-hospital surgical facilities from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.

MR39. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All agreements with George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. for services provided to the Department of Health from January 1, 1997 to February 17, 1999.

MR40. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All reports submitted to the Minister of Health by the Queen's University Health Policy group with regard to Alberta's academic health centres from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.

MR41. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

All proposals for funding under the Seniors' Research Funding Initiative received by the Department of Health from January 1, 1997 to February 17, 1999.

MR73. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Economic Development, and received by the Ministry of Economic Development, for the period January 1, 1994 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to financial transactions involving Nomura Asset Capital Corporation, Triple Five Corporation, Alberta Treasury Branches and West Edmonton Mall.

MR76. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

A copy of the transcripts of the Alberta Energy and Utility Board hearing into the application by Imperial Oil Resources Limited for the Cold Lake Expansion Project that started in November 1998.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reject Motions for Returns: MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87 and MR88 as a collective. Unanimous consent by the Assembly was not granted.

MR78. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of studies, reports, background documents and memoranda prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury for the period December 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR79. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, reports, and background documents prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or received by Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1993 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to the involvement of First Boston Corporation in the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR80. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any terms of reference prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or received by Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, relating to CIBC Wood Gundy's examination of the prospects for a change of status or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR81. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports prepared by CIBC Wood Gundy for Alberta Treasury for the period July 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999, relating to a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR82. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports prepared by, or for, the Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent/President of the Alberta Treasury Branches, received by the Provincial Treasurer, for the period January 1, 1993 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loans and loan guarantees issued by the Alberta Treasury Branches to the West Edmonton Mall.

MR83. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of studies, reports and memoranda prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, assessing the constitutional validity of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR84. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes, memoranda, studies, correspondence, and background documents prepared by, or for, as well as sent to, Executive Council, Office of the Premier, the Agenda and Priorities Committee, Treasury Board, Cabinet, and Cabinet committees and sub-committees, for the period January 1, 1994 to February 16, 1999, in the possession of Executive Council/Office of the Premier, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR85. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes or notes of those portions of meetings of Executive Council or sub-committees thereof, between October 29, 1993 and November 1, 1994, where the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall was discussed and/or approved.

MR86. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any minutes of meetings held between the Premier, the former Deputy Premier, the former Provincial Treasurer, the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches, and the principals of the West Edmonton Mall, for the period January 1, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR87. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of statutory declarations prepared for the Auditor General by current members of Executive Council for the period August 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as they relate to the Auditor General's investigation of loans and guarantees provided to the West Edmonton Mall.

MR88. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, reports, and background documents prepared for Executive Council, the Office of the Premier, the Treasury Board, the Agenda and Priorities Committee, Cabinet, and Cabinet committees and sub-committees (excepting court documents prepared by Alberta Treasury Branches), for the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999, by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General or outside legal firms, relating to the West Edmonton Mall.

MR91. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the East Central Health Authority done by Manasc Isaac Architects Ltd.

MR92. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Capital Health Authority done by Robert Ross Architect.

MR93. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Crossroads Regional Health Authority done by Rockliff Pierzchajlo Architects & Planners Ltd.

MR94. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Headwaters Regional Health Authority done by Ron Boruk Architect Ltd.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — 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, 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, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$368,505,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$74,919,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Labour

\$28,989,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Treasury

\$145,347,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$102,012,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, 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-Manning on behalf of the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 445/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, 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 Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 446/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 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 Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 447/99

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:43 p.m. until Thursday, April 1, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 106 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 43 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 113 Lethbridge and Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 235 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

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

Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 1, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Honourable Paul Okalik, Premier of Nunavut, offering congratulations on behalf of the Official Opposition of Alberta on the creation of Canada's third territory, Nunavut

Sessional Paper 448/99

Letter dated April 1, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Honourable Brian Tobin, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, offering congratulations on behalf of the Official Opposition of Alberta on the 50th anniversary of the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation

Sessional Paper 449/99

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

Alberta Capital Region Alliance Ltd., Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 450/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR8 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 17, 1999:

The final report submitted by George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. on the deficit elimination plan of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

Sessional Paper 451/99

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

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) newspaper insert dated March 30, 1999, entitled "You're fired!, There's no appeal," expressing opposition to the provisions in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which would abolish the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 452/99

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

Reuters news article dated April 1, 1999, entitled "After a year, few notice California power deregulation," written by Deena Beasley

Sessional Paper 453/99

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Angela Heywood to the Alberta Students Finance Board regarding her completion of a Help Desk Analyst Program and subsequent employment opportunities, with attached letters between herself and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, regarding the Careers in Transition (CIT) Program

Sessional Paper 454/99

Pamphlet entitled "The Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative: Healthy Living for a Diverse Community," produced by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Sessional Paper 455/99

Calgary Immigrant Aid Society article dated 1999, entitled "Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative Model"

Sessional Paper 456/99

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

Media news release dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Premier Rejects Proposal to Protect Ten Critical Sites: Alberta's Precious Places Slated for Development," produced by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Alberta Wilderness Association

Sessional Paper 457/99

Petition signed by 20 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of the sections in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which proposes to remove the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 458/99

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

Response to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Oral Question Period on March 31, 1999, regarding a job training course offered by CIT (Careers in Transition Inc.)

Sessional Paper 459/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding the establishment of the new Northern Territory of Nunavut, April 1, 1999, rooted in a vision of self-determination for the Inuit people and a hope for a better future for northern communities. Recognition was also given to the special relationship between Alberta and the Northwest Territories with many agreements and partnership efforts.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker stated that the flag of Nunavut would also be joining the flags of Canada, its provinces and territories already on display in the Legislative Assembly as soon as it was received.

Oral Question Period

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

Excerpt page dated October 2, 1998, of a radio talk show conversation occurring between Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and callers regarding the provision of private and public health care service delivery

Sessional Paper 460/99

Hansard excerpt page 1746 dated July 2, 1992, highlighting an Oral Question Period exchange between Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Ms Betkowski, Hon. Minister of Health, regarding hospital services privatization

Sessional Paper 461/99

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

News release dated February 22, 1999, entitled "Legislation proclaimed preventing two-tier health system," produced by Jeff Brown, Communications Branch, Saskatchewan Health, with attached 1996 Chapter H-0.02, An Act Respecting Health Facilities cited as The Health Facilities Licensing Act, and Chapter H-0.02 Regulation No. 1, Order in Council 38/1999, dated January 19, 1999

Sessional Paper 462/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 1999, to commemorate the anniversary of Scottish Independence in 1320. The Members received a swatch of the Alberta Tartan first recognized in 1961, with colours representing the green of our forests, the blue of our skies, pink for the wild rose, and black for our resources.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding an Ontario Court decision relating to a women sterilized in error by her physician, and the need to assist new immigrants with such efforts as undertaken by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society through the Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the religious holidays as celebrated through the holy season with the Jewish Passover, and with the Christian traditions of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the many significant dates and commemorative designations occurring in April 1999.

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 week following the Easter recess.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 12 to April 15, 1999:

Monday, April 12

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 21, 24, 27, 20

And as per Order Paper

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 18 -
Reporting:

Designated Supply
Subcommittees:
Health, Education,
Family and Social Services

Advanced Education and
Career Development

Second Reading

Bills 24, 20

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, April 13

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 22

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 19 -
Reporting:

Designated Supply
Subcommittees:
Environmental Protection,
Municipal Affairs

Transportation and Utilities,
Community Development,
Science, Research and
Information Technology

Second Reading

Bills 23, 30, 25

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, April 14	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Day 20 - Final Estimates Day Reporting: Public Works, Supply and Services Second Reading Bills 29, 26, 31 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, April 15	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Lottery Fund Estimates - Day 1 of 2 Second Reading Bills 26, 23, 29, 25 And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 6 agreed to by the Assembly on February 23, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until Monday, April 12, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 32 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 100 Albertans requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 135 St. Albert and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 880 Albertans expressing support for legislation to halt the harvesting of grizzly bears in Alberta.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 81 St. Albert and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 21 Edson and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to the Marlowe household in response to a letter dated March 6, 1999 and tabled March 16, 1999, from the Marlowe household to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 207, Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 463/99

Information bulletin dated April 12, 1999, entitled "Tolerance urged on Holocaust Remembrance Day," being commemorated on April 13, 1999

Sessional Paper 464/99

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

Letter dated April 7, 1999, from John E. Younie, Campbelltown School, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the provision abolishing the Board of Reference, with attached petition signed by 31 Albertans, and a second petition signed by 23 staff members of Vegreville Composite High School

Sessional Paper 465/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 24, 1999, from Dr. Brock Dundas, President, Calgary Regional Medical Staff Association (CRMSA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing strong objections to Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 466/99

Letter dated March 28, 1999, from Sandy J. Murray, family physician, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing strong objections to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 467/99

Position paper dated March 23, 1999, entitled "Northern River Basin - Human Health Monitoring Program: A Management Committee Member's Views," prepared by Sally Ann Ulfsten

Sessional Paper 468/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters dated February 23, 1999 to March 8, 1999, from concerned parents: Sharon Holmes, Debbie and Rob Elliott, Bac and Anna Truong, Claude Boocock, and Kathy Manyk to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, and Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the current level of education funding

Sessional Paper 469/99

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

Petition dated April 8, 1999, signed by 31 Albertans expressing concern regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the provision abolishing the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 470/99

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from William S. Fraser to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the provision abolishing the Board of Reference and the wording of Section 3.2

Sessional Paper 471/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

5 letters dated February 24, 1999 to March 2, 1999, from concerned parents: Steve Walker, Jackie Ristesund, Gordon Nelson, Cindy Mather Van Camp, and Joan Fix to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the current level of education funding

Sessional Paper 472/99

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

Fax dated February 26, 1999, from Dave Kent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the current level of education funding

Sessional Paper 473/99

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Dale Karpluk to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, and Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Education and Training, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding to public education

Sessional Paper 474/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Barb Tarnowski, concerned parent, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding to public education

Sessional Paper 475/99

Letter dated February 28, 1999, from Paula Nolan, concerned parent, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, expressing concern regarding the current level of education funding

Sessional Paper 476/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Disabling AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped): A Critical Analysis and Contrasting Views on the Alberta Government's Review of the AISH and Assured Support Programs, produced by the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 477/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

News release dated April 6, 1999, entitled "And the finalists for the 1999 Excellence in Teaching Awards are...", with attached listing of the 125 finalists, produced by Alberta Education

Sessional Paper 478/99

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to students and teachers, Austin O'Brien High School, expressing appreciation on behalf of the Government for efforts to raise funds for the Kosovar refugees

Sessional Paper 479/99

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

Feed the Children: A Report on Child Hunger in Calgary, produced by Feeding Calgary's Children, A Committee of Social Service, Education, Health and Volunteer Agencies, dated Spring 1999

Sessional Paper 480/99

Letter dated March 10, 1999, from Colleen Connelly, President, Calgary Council of Home and School Associations, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding textbook funding and the fundraising efforts by member schools

Sessional Paper 481/99

Fax dated March 9, 1999, from Eva-Lynn Probert to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concerns of John Ware Junior High School parents regarding the funding allocation to Calgary public schools and the need for fundraising efforts

Sessional Paper 482/99

3 letters dated February 3, 1999 to March 9, 1999, from concerned parents: Barbara Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCully, and Evan Johnson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the funding allocation to Calgary public schools and Alberta's public school system

Sessional Paper 483/99

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

Letter dated April 6, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the review process for the Power Engineers' Regulation

Sessional Paper 484/99

Discussion paper entitled "A Discussion of Issues: Power Engineers' Regulation Under the Safety Codes Act," produced by Bruce Allen, Technical and Safety Services, Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 485/99

Recognitions

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister, and the Historical Resources Division of the Department of Community Development, in coordination with the Provincial Archives for the Legislature Pedway display depicting 125 years of R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) service.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Murray Billet, constituent and the resigning spokesperson for GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) for many years of community activism and advocacy for human rights.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: A.V. Roe Canada Heritage Museum opening as celebrated at an April 11, 1999 function, exhibiting the history of the aerospace industry in Canada with volunteer efforts for initiating the Arrow 2000 Project.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Sultana Qureshi, Garfield Weston Scholarship recipient for her high academic achievements and community service.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Inter-Professional Health Sciences Education Program, University of Alberta, initiative launched April 12, 1999, to educate health professionals in team approaches for an integrated health system as guided by the University of Alberta's Coordinating Council of Health Sciences.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: passing away of Wilbur Fee Bowker on March 30, 1999, husband of Marjorie Bowker, retired Family Court Judge, the former Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, and the former Director of the Alberta Law Reform Institute.

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 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Mr. Stevens

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

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education and Career Development

\$1,374,742,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$66,000,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Education

\$1,966,815,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$8,000,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Family and Social Services

\$1,469,359,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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Health

\$4,828,870,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 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 Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 486/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also 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 487/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Family and Social Services:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Family and Social Services (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 488/99

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 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 178 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 375 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 106 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 110 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 23 Lethbridge and Coaldale residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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 to hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

On request by Mrs. 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 hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

As part of this report, I will be tabling copies of the amendments proposed to these Bills.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

Sessional Paper 489/99

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 14, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175,
WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179, WQ196.

Motions for Returns: MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100,
MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105,
MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110,
MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115,
MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121,
MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138,
MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143,
MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148,
MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153,
MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161,
MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166,
MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180,
MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185,
MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190,
MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, in response to a question raised in Oral Question Period on April 12, 1999 regarding sterilization claims and contingency agreements

Sessional Paper 490/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Annual Report 1998-99: Linda Sloan, MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Edmonton-Riverview Constituency

Sessional Paper 491/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 9, 1999, from Dr. Rowland T. Nichol, President, Alberta Medical Association, to AMA members regarding Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, expressing concerns and opposition to Bill provisions on behalf of the AMA

Sessional Paper 492/99

Proposed amendment to Section 136 of Bill 22, Health Professions Act, relating to persons performing restricted activities

Sessional Paper 493/99

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Corrinne G. Christopherson, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, regarding the loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage in 1974 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 494/99

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Petition signed by 189 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of the sections of Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which removes the Board of Reference as a final tribunal for teachers

Sessional Paper 495/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Preliminary Report: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Client Feedback - Report on Findings," compiling the 1,010 responses received by March 30, 1999 regarding the proposed program changes

Sessional Paper 496/99

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

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Mr. Sean Fleming, Department Head, Religious Studies, Austin O'Brien Catholic High School, offering congratulations for Red Cross Balkan Relief Fund fundraising efforts

Sessional Paper 497/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Petition dated April 7, 1999, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, signed by 19 teachers expressing concerns regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the proposed elimination of the Board of Reference and the lack of a consultation process with teachers

Sessional Paper 498/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing two historical spiritual events, Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated internationally on April 13, 1999 in remembrance of the six million of Jewish faith who perished during the holocaust of World War II, and the need for societal tolerance and respect for all faiths and cultures. April 13, 1999 is also commemorated as Baisakhi Day with the 300 year anniversary in 1999 of the formation of the fraternity of brotherhood called Khalsa establishing the tenets of modern Sikh faith, and the recognition of the contribution of Sikh members to Alberta communities.

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated internationally on April 13, 1999, and the sorrow felt by Albertans for the perishing of six million European Jews during World War II as paid tribute to in community ceremonies.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement on behalf of the Legislative Assembly offering congratulations to the Sikh community on the birth of Khalsa created in 1699, celebrating a 300 year anniversary on April 14, 1999 in recognition of the Sikh religion and social values of non-violence as exemplified by Jaswant Singh Atwal through community efforts.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement expressing gratitude to the Legislative Assembly for condolences received following the passing away of his brother Truong Nguyen Cao, provided biographical information on Truong including his public service efforts through the Department of Social Services of Los Angeles County, California, in successfully developing social programs and 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 205 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to be used strategically to smooth over the instability of Alberta's revenue base and to ensure that health care, education and social service programs are protected from the threat of further expenditure reductions.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Carlson	MacBeth	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons		

Against the motion: 39

Boutilier	Fritz	O'Neill
Broda	Haley	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Hancock	Pham
Cao	Herard	Renner
Cardinal	Hierath	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Shariff
Coutts	Johnson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Klapstein	Strang
Ducharme	Kryczka	Tannas
Dunford	Langevin	Taylor
Evans	Lougheed	Thurber
Forsyth	Marz	Trynchy
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky

508. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a benchmark of one police officer for every 525 Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$312,490,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Science, Research and Information Technology

\$62,546,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$868,450,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Environmental Protection

\$355,535,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$259,026,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Environmental Protection:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Environmental Protection
(Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 499/99

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

Responses to questions raised on April 1, 1999, Department of
Transportation and Utilities, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 500/99

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 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

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

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 110 Edmonton and area residents requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 112 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 147 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 105 Hinton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 132 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ178 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

How many people were surveyed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development to determine that 72% of Albertans in 1996-97 were satisfied under the Public Satisfaction Indicator?

Sessional Paper 501/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ179 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

What number of Albertans were surveyed in the Learner Satisfaction Indicator as illustrated in the 1998-99 to 2000-01 Department of Advanced Education and Career Development Business Plan?

Sessional Paper 502/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ196 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

What stakeholders were involved with the Community Adult Learning Program policy review, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan?

Sessional Paper 503/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR183 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The Year 2000 compliance plan for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development.

Sessional Paper 504/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR187 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998 between the Departments of Advanced Education and Career Development and Family and Social Services to redesign provincial labour market programs and delivery systems.

Sessional Paper 505/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR188 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The business plan for Adult Skills Alberta, as developed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development and outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 506/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR189 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the cross-departmental policy framework, as completed by the Essential Skills Framework working group for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 507/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR190 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The report on the assessment of career and labour market needs of youth completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 508/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR191 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The report on the evaluation of the Applied Degree Project completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 509/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR192 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the stakeholder survey from 1997-98 to assess how well the Ministry is performing its duties, conducted by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 510/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR193 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the employer satisfaction survey conducted in 1997-98 by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 511/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):
Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 512/99

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, and Co-chair of the Homelessness in Edmonton Task Force:

Homelessness in Edmonton Task Force, Public Forum Schedule of Presentations, April 9, 1999, listing of the 21 groups, organizations and individuals making presentations at the forum

Sessional Paper 513/99

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

News release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Special Places - Lund says no to logging; new Grizzly Ridge Wildland Park protects over 26,000 acres in Swan Hills," produced by Alberta Environmental Protection, with attached map and photographs of Grizzly Ridge Wildland Park

Sessional Paper 514/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Watson Wyatt Special Memorandum article dated February 1999, entitled "Ontario Court Reads Same-Sex Spouse Definition Into Ontario Pension Benefits Act," produced by Watson Wyatt Canada Consultants and Actuaries

Sessional Paper 515/99

Media release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Bill 30 hinders employers, denies rights to same sex employees," produced by Equal=Alberta (Edmonton) - Equality for Gay and Lesbian Albertans

Sessional Paper 516/99

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

Media release entitled "AACL commends Oberg for positive AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) changes," produced by the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL)

Sessional Paper 517/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Deborah Chenery, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 518/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Betty Schoenhofer, Chair, Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 519/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Dr. John Slater-Rook, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 520/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter dated February 2, 1999, from Raymond Reidy, Board President, St. Paul Abilities Network (SPAN), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 521/99

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from G.G. (Jerry) Archibald, Chair, Edmonton Community Board, Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 522/99

Letter dated January 26, 1999, from M.A. Kreutzer, President, Board of Directors, Depression and Manic-Depression Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, in response to a request for input on the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 523/99

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Dennis Anderson, President and Board Chairman, Canadian Mental Health Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 524/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 17th annual St. Albert Youth Appreciation Night sponsored by the Optimist Club of St. Albert held at the Cornerstone Hall in St. Albert.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Austin O'Brien High School's efforts to raise over \$19,000 for international relief.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: chronic autoimmune disease Lupus Erythematosus and efforts by the Lupus Society of Alberta to provide public education and support.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Sikh community on the 300 year anniversary of the creation of Khalsa, April 13, 1699.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Christie Foth, resident of Champion, Alberta, crowned the reigning queen of the Calgary Stampede.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: anniversary of the signing and proclamation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as recognized at Law Day events on April 17, 1999.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: construction of the Rotary House Seniors' Residence led by community volunteer efforts of the Fort McMurray Rotary Club, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, Royal Canadian Legion, and the Fort McMurray Golden Years Society in partnership with Syncrude and Suncor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ171. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What provisions have been made by the Alberta Treasury Branches to ensure that an adequate supply of currency will be available to Albertans who decide to withdraw their deposits because of concerns resulting from potential Y2K (Year 2000) problems?

WQ172. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How many times has the working group established by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services to analyze potential emergency consequences resulting from Y2K (Year 2000) computer problems met, who makes up this group, and what recommendations and action plans has the group produced?

WQ173. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What steps have been taken by the Department of Community Development to ensure that all the computer hardware, software and office equipment used by the Department and all of the Department's agencies and foundations are Y2K (Year 2000) compliant?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ173

Sessional Paper 525/99

WQ174. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What steps has the Department of Labour taken to address the concerns raised in the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Auditor General dealing with the Department's state of preparation for the Year 2000, namely, the recommendation to expedite completion of a Year 2000 assessment and develop a comprehensive plan to address the problems identified, and the recommendation to develop a contingency plan?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ174

Sessional Paper 526/99

WQ175. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How many in-service inspections for pressure equipment items were over-due on March 1, 1999, and how many of these have been over-due for five years or more?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ175

Sessional Paper 527/99

WQ176. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What steps has the Department of Labour taken to consolidate the financial statements of the Safety Codes Council and Delegated Administrative Organizations with the Department so that all the costs and outcomes associated with the Ministry's goals can be accounted for and the Ministry's performance accurately measured?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ176

Sessional Paper 528/99

WQ177. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What policies, procedures and processes has the Department of Labour developed to monitor the performance of all delegated entities to ensure that those entities are delivering the services delegated to them in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the Safety Codes Act?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ177

Sessional Paper 529/99

WQ178. Moved by Dr. Massey:

How many people were surveyed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development to determine that 72% of Albertans in 1996-97 were satisfied under the Public Satisfaction Indicator?

WQ179. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What number of Albertans were surveyed in the Learner Satisfaction Indicator as illustrated in the 1998-99 to 2000-01 Department of Advanced Education and Career Development Business Plan?

WQ196. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What stakeholders were involved with the Community Adult Learning Program policy review, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204, WQ206, WQ210, WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR107. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

All invoices billed to the Alberta Science and Research Authority for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

MR111. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The Year 2000 assessment report conducted for the health system and individual regional health authorities.

MR115. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of all agreements between financial institutions and the Department of Justice and Attorney General relating to trust funds under administration for each of the fiscal years ending after January 1, 1993 to February 25, 1999.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motions for Returns: MR183, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192 and MR193 as a collective.

MR183. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The Year 2000 compliance plan for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development.

MR187. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998 between the Departments of Advanced Education and Career Development and Family and Social Services to redesign provincial labour market programs and delivery systems.

MR188. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The business plan for Adult Skills Alberta, as developed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development and outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR189. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the cross-departmental policy framework, as completed by the Essential Skills Framework working group for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR190. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The report on the assessment of career and labour market needs of youth completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR191. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The report on the evaluation of the Applied Degree Project completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR192. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the stakeholder survey from 1997-98 to assess how well the Ministry is performing its duties, conducted by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

MR193. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the employer satisfaction survey conducted in 1997-98 by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

Motions for Returns: MR183, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192 and MR193 were accepted as a collective.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR116. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

MR117. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Summaries of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

MR120. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

MR121. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR95. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Health Authority #5 done by Roman M. Kujath Architect Ltd.

MR96. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Peace Regional Health Authority done by Stanley Architecture Ltd.

MR97. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Westview Regional Health Authority done by Vaitkunas Jamieson Architects.

MR98. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Grey Nuns Hospital and Community Health Centre done by Niels P. Gerbitz Architects Ltd.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motions for Returns: MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, and MR105 as a collective.

MR99. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Rockyview General Hospital done by R. J. Goodfellow Architects.

MR100. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Lakeland Health Authority done by IBI Group Architects Engineers & Planners.

MR101. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the David Thompson Health Authority done by John Murray Architect Ltd.

MR102. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Mistahia Health Authority done by Christopher Filipowicz Architect.

MR103. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Headwaters Health Authority done by Burgener Kilpatrick Design International Architects.

MR104. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copy of the feasibility study of the Charles Camshell Hospital done by A. M. Holland Architect.

MR105. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations in Edmonton done by Wilson Architects Ltd.

Motions for Returns: MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, and MR105 were rejected as a collective.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR106. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes, memoranda, studies, correspondence, background documents, legal opinions, legal bills and invoices prepared for the Provincial Treasurer and Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1996, evaluating proposals of Gentra Canada Investments Inc. and Alberta Treasury Branches to refinance the West Edmonton Mall.

MR108. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the October 29, 1993, memorandum from the Premier to the former Deputy Premier and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR109. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of loan and loan guarantee proposals submitted by the principals of the West Edmonton Mall to the Office of the Premier and Executive Council between November 1, 1993 and November 1, 1994.

MR110. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of documents prepared by First Boston Corporation and Thorne Ernst & Whinney for Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1987 to January 1, 1993, relating to the financing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR112. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Arthur Anderson & Associates prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999, relating to the future operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR113. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Deloitte & Touche prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1995, pertaining to lending practices of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR114. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Cole & Partners prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1994, relating to the future operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR118. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of budgets and financial reports for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, required pursuant to Articles 9.7.1, 9.8.1, and 9.8.2 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between the Government, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology Ltd., Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.

MR134. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any proposals prepared between January 1, 1993 to November 1, 1994 to recommend the use of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to refinance the West Edmonton Mall.

MR135. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the response prepared by the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Premier to the August 31, 1998 letter from the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches, as cited on page 48 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR136. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Provincial Treasurer and sent to the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR137. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Provincial Treasurer relating to meetings with the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR138. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue relating to meetings with the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches between October 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR139. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue regarding rumours in October 1994 that ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) was going to guarantee the Mall's debt, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170 as a collective. Unanimous consent by the Assembly was not granted.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for the reading into the record of the following Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, then read the following Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170.

MR140. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue as part of the monthly large loan review as it related to the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR141. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the September 1994 letter from the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer indicating that he had agreed that Mr. McPherson act almost like a one-member Board until the Board was in place, as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR144. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the August 3, 1994 and August 22, 1994 letters between the former Provincial Treasurer and Gentra Canada Investments Inc., as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR151. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the February 28, 1994 letter from the former Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 38 and 39 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR152. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any written comments, notes, memoranda, letters, management letters, correspondence, and post-audit reviews prepared by the Auditor General and sent to the former Provincial Treasurer, evaluating Alberta Treasury Branch procedures relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall or the financial arrangements between the Alberta Treasury Branches and the West Edmonton Mall, for the period March 1, 1995 to March 26, 1997, as cited on page 56 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR153. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared by the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 46 and 47 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR159. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the July 1987 request by Triple Five Corporation that the Province provide a \$485 million cash-flow guarantee, as cited on page 28 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR160. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the September 26, 1994 Gentra Canada Investments Inc. settlement, as cited on page 22 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR161. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 29, 1988 recommendation from Alberta Treasury that Triple Five Corporation be advised that a Government guarantee was not available, as cited on page 16 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR162. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the December 22, 1987 report prepared for Alberta Treasury by First Boston Corporation reviewing a proposal for the Province to provide a \$350 million guarantee to the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 16 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR164. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes of meetings held between the former Provincial Treasurer, Gentra Canada Investments Inc., the Ghermezians, and the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches, for the period March 1, 1994 to November 30, 1994, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 13 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR166. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the June 22, 1994 letter from the ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) to Gentra Canada Investments Inc., in which ATB states that the ATB is no longer bound by the March 10, 1994 agreement, as cited on page 21 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR167. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of letters and memoranda between the former Deputy Premier and the former Provincial Treasurer for the period October 29, 1993 and November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing, as cited on page 33 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR170. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of briefing notes, memoranda, correspondence, and background documents prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1989 to October 29, 1993, relating to the financing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 28 and 29 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170 were rejected as a collective.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR142, MR143, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR157, MR158, MR163, MR165, MR168, MR169, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$23,546,020	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$12,936,093	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$1,587,000	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$1,208,955	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$196,480	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$1,777,020	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, 2000, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$544,015,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 17 constituents regarding the equitable access by all residents requiring long term care within the publicly funded system.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 91 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 63 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 65 Hinton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the April 13, 1999 tabling concerning statistics compiled by a "Comments Line" in the document entitled "Important information about proposed changes to: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support"

Sessional Paper 530/99

Letter dated April 15, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the April 14, 1999 tablings relating to positions expressed by the Alberta Association of Community Living, St. Paul Abilities Network, Depression and Manic-Depression Association of Alberta and the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 531/99

News release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "More than 20,000 Edmonton Children Hungry - Another 28,000 at risk of hunger or malnutrition," with attached serial entitled "Quickfacts," dated April 1999, produced by ESPC (Edmonton Social Planning Council)

Sessional Paper 532/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 15, 1999, entitled "Communities honour volunteers during National Volunteer Week," celebrated April 18-24, 1999

Sessional Paper 533/99

News release dated April 15, 1999, entitled "Community service organizations receive \$1.2 million from Wild Rose Foundation lottery grants," with attached backgrounder entitled "Wild Rose Foundation Grant Recipients - 1998-99 Fourth Quarter," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 534/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Eric Newell, Chairman and Chief Executive, Syncrude Canada Ltd., offering congratulations on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 535/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Philip H.R. Stepney, Director, Provincial Museum of Alberta, offering congratulations on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 536/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Philip H.R. Stepney, Chair, Advisory Committee for the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture, offering congratulations to the Committee members on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 537/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Fact sheet dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Municipal Affairs Homeless Initiatives in Calgary"

Sessional Paper 538/99

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

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Bud McCaig, Chair, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding the report on the Calgary Regional Health Authority's (CRHA) investigation into the Bow Valley Centre (BVC) documents issue concerning patient privacy

Sessional Paper 539/99

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the report on the Calgary Regional Health Authority's (CRHA) investigation into the abandoned mental health records found by workers at the former Bow Valley Centre site

Sessional Paper 540/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Health Summit '99 Final Report and Recommendations entitled "Think About Health," dated April 1999

Sessional Paper 541/99

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR107 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

All invoices billed to the Alberta Science and Research Authority for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

Sessional Paper 542/99

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

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from Lisa Haack to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and requesting the withdrawal of the sections proposing to eliminate the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 543/99

Letter dated March 31, 1999, from David Pilger to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, expressing strong opposition regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the sections proposing to eliminate the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 544/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to B.D. Ward, M.D., Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, regarding standards for "Long Stay" Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities (NHSFs)

Sessional Paper 545/99

Memorandum dated June 23, 1997, from Michèle S. Jean, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, to the Minister, Health Canada, regarding Alberta's "twelve principles" detailed in the report entitled "Public/Private Health Services: The Alberta Approach," with attached listing of the twelve key principles highlighting the role for the private sector in health care, both within and outside the publicly funded system

Sessional Paper 546/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Charles W. Inkster to Liberal Caucus Members regarding the meeting held in Bonnyville with Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, relating to arsenic in well water in the area

Sessional Paper 547/99

Letter dated April 9, 1999, from Connie Axell to Liberal Caucus Members regarding the meeting held in Bonnyville with Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, relating to arsenic in well water in the area

Sessional Paper 548/99

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Sally Ann Ulfsten, Stop and Tell Our Politician Society, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding environmental and public health issues relating to arsenic in the groundwater in the Cold Lake region

Sessional Paper 549/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 125 year anniversary of the R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) service as celebrated with the "March West" re-enactment of the 800 mile trek endured by the first members of the North West Mounted Police.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding fatal workplace accidents and the need to revise Alberta Labour policies and occupational health and safety standards to improve workplace safety, and particularly in relation to electrical workers.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, and Chair, Community Lottery Program Secretariat, made a statement recognizing the role and contribution of volunteers as celebrated during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 1999, and the community efforts of the 88 provincial lottery boards as well as the Wild Rose Foundation.

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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 19 to April 22, 1999:

Monday, April 19

Aft. - **Private Bills**

Second Reading

Bills Pr1 and Pr3

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bills 29, 25, 32

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Lottery Fund Estimates -
Day 2 of 2**Unanimous Consent to Revert
to Introduction of Bills**

Bill 33

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, April 20

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bills 27, 23, 30, 31

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 33

Committee of the Whole

Bills 18, 14, 17, 21

Second Reading

Bills 20, 33

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, April 21

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bills 33, 16, 15

Second Reading

Bill 20

And as per Order Paper

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1999

Thursday, April 22

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

Bill 33

Second Reading

Bills 23, 20, 24, 25, 22, 32

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Lottery Fund 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. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1999-2000 Lottery 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 Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:08 p.m. until Monday, April 19, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 75 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 131 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 47 Edmonton and area residents expressing opposition to private hospitals in Alberta and Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session).

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

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

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 16, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Wayne Gretzky, New York Rangers Hockey Club, offering best wishes on the occasion of his retirement as a hockey player and offering congratulations for his contribution as a sports figure role model representing our nation and the national game for over two decades

Sessional Paper 550/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ156 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What was the cost of renovating the Justice of the Peace offices in Edmonton and Calgary in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

Sessional Paper 551/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Information package entitled "Strathcona County: Your Natural Location," with enclosed report entitled "Capture Our Spirit: A Service-Learning Handbook for Young Volunteers," dated 1995, produced by the Information and Volunteer Centre for Strathcona County

Sessional Paper 552/99

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

Student Teacher Ratios: Public, Separate, and Francophone Authorities: 1997/1998 School Year, produced by Education Information Services, Information Services, Alberta Education, dated March 1999, highlighting comparative statistics regarding the student to teacher ratio of the Calgary School District No. 19

Sessional Paper 553/99

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

Media release dated April 16, 1999, entitled "PHAA (Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta) breaks off negotiations with UNA (United Nurses of Alberta)," from Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 554/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement recognizing National Soil Conservation Week, April 18 to 24, 1999, to highlight the efforts by farmers, farm organizations, industry and all levels of government to reduce soil degradation and enhance a productive soil resource.

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

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering best wishes to Mr. Wayne Gretzky on the occasion of his retirement as a player in the National Hockey League and offering congratulations for his contribution to inspire young athletes on the true spirit of sportsmanship for over twenty years.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall: Calgary event held on April 17, 1999 celebrating the 300 year anniversary of the founding of the Khalsa Panth.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: St. Clement Junior High School Senior Girls Basketball Team winners of the City Championship in Basketball, March 25, 1999.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Calgary event organized by the Sikh community held on April 17, 1999 celebrating the 300 year anniversary of Osaki and Baisakhi.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Jasper Place Gateway Foundation grand opening of their new office, April 15, 1999.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Calgary Habitat for Humanity organization, committee members, volunteers and contributors.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: International Association of Lions Clubs, District 37B, holding the second annual Lion's Worldwide Induction Day event, April 17, 1999, as hosted by the Northgate Lions Club.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: Willowridge Under-11 Boys Soccer Team gold medal winners in Division 4, and the Calgary Celtic Soccer Club gold medal winners in the Under-15 Girls Division of the Provincial Soccer Tournament held in Calgary on March 20-21, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Private Bills****Second Reading**

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

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Marz on behalf of Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Lottery Fund Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1999-2000 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, 2000, for the purposes indicated:

Community and Municipal Development Initiatives

\$226,374,000

Agricultural and Economic Initiatives

\$189,551,000

Education Initiatives

\$154,629,000

Health Initiatives

\$87,300,000

Scientific and Energy Initiatives

\$40,450,000

Lottery Fund Administration Payment

\$53,000,000

Lottery Fund Transfer to Treasury for Debt Repayment / Contingency Reserve

\$18,196,000

Total Lottery Fund Payments

\$769,500,000

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, 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 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, presented a petition from 19 constituents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 230 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 112 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 61 Lethbridge, Cardston, Coaldale and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 21, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204.

Motions for Returns: MR142, MR143, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR157, MR158, MR163, MR165, MR168, MR169, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, expressing support for amendments to the Criminal Code with respect to breaking and entering of residential premises and the creation of a new offence for home invasion

Sessional Paper 555/99

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 1998

Sessional Paper 556/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on April 13, 1999, Department of Community Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 557/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated April 19, 1999, entitled "More Than Enough Teacher Reductions Already," produced by the Calgary Public Teachers, Local No. 38, Alberta Teachers Association (ATA)

Sessional Paper 558/99

Fact sheet entitled "Calgary Board of Education: Summary of Official Enrolments for Provincial Grants, Last Ten Years (Unaudited)," depicting fiscal years 1989 to 1998, sources utilized: Financial Services Department Grant Claims and Financial Services Division, Alberta Education

Sessional Paper 559/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Arsenic in Groundwater in the Cold Lake Area: A Report Submitted to Stop and Tell Our Politicians (STOP), by Jerome O. Nriagu, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Environmental Health Sciences Program, Department of Environmental and Industrial Health, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, dated November 22, 1998

Sessional Paper 560/99

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

Spruce Grove Examiner advertisement entitled "Change in Community Physical Therapy Coverage for Out-of-Region Residents," published April 9, 1999, page 34, produced by Capital Health

Sessional Paper 561/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Equal=Alberta (Edmonton) in response to a March 23, 1999 letter regarding issues for same sex couples in Alberta, and declining an invitation for a meeting due to time constraints

Sessional Paper 562/99

Strathcona Place Senior Citizen Centre, Services and Recreation for Seniors, monthly newsletter entitled "Focus," dated April 1999

Sessional Paper 563/99

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

Connecting Voices: Creating Choices, publication of the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton, issue number one, dated 1999

Sessional Paper 564/99

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

École Maurice-Lavallée: Livret d'information (information booklet), produced by the Conseil scolaire régional du Centre-Nord

Sessional Paper 565/99

La Griffe: Le journal étudiant EML (École Maurice-Lavallée), issue number 6, février (February) 1999, produced by the Conseil scolaire régional du Centre-Nord

Sessional Paper 566/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from W.A. (Bill) Tymchuk to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding his personal health care experience in requiring services relating to two Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIAs), with attached letter dated October 18, 1998, from W.A. (Bill) Tymchuk to Mrs. Seidel regarding a personal health care experience in requiring services relating to major surgery to remove an aneurism of the aorta

Sessional Paper 567/99

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from 34 teachers employed at St. Francis Xavier to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing opposition to the proposed amendments of Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999 which removes the statutory protection and appeal mechanism found in the School Act through the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 568/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement recognizing the signing of the Alberta/Métis Nation of Alberta Association Framework Agreement on April 20, 1999, a joint partnership initiative between the Métis Nation Association of Alberta (MNAA) and the Government of Alberta.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, recognizing the 7th Annual Beaverhill Lake Snow Goose Festival held in Tofield on April 24-25, 1999.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the diminished focus on women's issues by the Government with the abolishment of the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues, and budget funding cutbacks affecting women such as the possible closure of the Options for Women organization.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 18-25, 1999, and the need to increase public awareness of the gift of life through donation.

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 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a benchmark of one police officer for every 525 Albertans.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

509. Moved by Mr. Marz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish effective accountability measures within the health care system through mechanisms at the point of health service access, involving both the consumer and provider.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Leibovici speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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)

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act,
1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Dr. Massey, 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 18 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 569/99

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) — Agreed to
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Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 21 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 572/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 21 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 573/99

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 571/99

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

During debate, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, tabled the following:

78 letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly requesting increased support for public education to levels which will cover increased costs
Sessional Paper 574/99

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

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the four year anniversary of the election of Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, first elected in the by-election of April 20, 1995.

Recognition was also given to Mr. Wolfgang Maul of the Legislative Assembly Office, winner of the Abstract Category in Computer Art of the Corel Corporation's World Design Contest for Web Site Abstract Creativity.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 8 Peace River residents requesting a province-wide plebiscite to determine the fate of VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) in Alberta.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 95 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, presented a petition from 430 Brooks and area residents regarding the lack of funding for suitable school space in the Christ the Redeemer Catholic School Division, and requesting approval for a new junior/senior high school in Brooks.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 110 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 19, 1999, from David Harrigan, Director of Labour Relations, United Nurses of Alberta (UNA), to Ms Shelley Ewart-Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Workplace Health and Safety and Strategic Services, Alberta Labour, regarding an application for mediation submitted by Mr. Middleton of the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta

Sessional Paper 575/99

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

13 proposed amendments dated April 20, 1999, regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 576/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Memorandum dated April 21, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in response to a question raised on March 31, 1999 requesting additional information regarding the Cultural Diversity Institute

Sessional Paper 577/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated February 12, 1998, entitled "Ensuring a quality health system now and in the future," produced by Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 578/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement recognizing the Treaty 8 Centennial Anniversary as celebrated with an April 20, 1999 commemorative gala, to be followed with festivities June 17-21, 1999, as well as a June 21, 1999 celebration.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: youth recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Award: Trista Wideman, William Rosebluff, Neil Parmar, and Blaine Stone for outstanding contributions through volunteer efforts as recognized on April 19, 1999.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 1999, as exemplified by Doug and Lois Sorenson's volunteer efforts.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: valuable contribution of secretaries in both the public service sector as well as in the private sector.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Jennifer Hart, constituent, on being selected for a second time as an annual member of the 1999 Cadet Honour Band of Prairie Regions.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament attended by 83 grade ten students on April 16, 1999 to learn about the parliamentary process.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Mr. Barrie Regan, Jim Shewchuk Award recipient in recognition of his commitment to the labour movement and community.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Radway Lions Club, April 17, 1999, and the Lions Clubs' community service through humanitarian efforts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ197. Moved by Ms Carlson:

On what dates between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998, did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct unannounced inspections of the Big Valley Industrial Landfill and the Ryley Hazardous Waste Landfill; on each occasion how many samples were taken of waste that had already been buried in the landfill and how many of waste being dumped; what substances, if any, were detected in excess of permissible limits and what action was taken?

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

On what dates between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998, did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct unannounced *and announced* inspections of the Big Valley Industrial Landfill and the Ryley Hazardous Waste Landfill; *for each inspection what field activity occurred and what followup action occurred for any noted Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act contravention?*

WQ198. Moved by Ms Carlson:

Between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, at which provincial parks and recreation areas was a contract for the private sector management of a campground terminated; at which sites has a new contract been signed with another private sector operator; which sites are now being managed by the Government, and which sites have closed?

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

Between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, at which provincial parks and recreation areas was a contract for the private sector management of a campground terminated *prior to the expiry date; at which of these sites has a new contract been signed with another private sector operator; which of these sites are now being managed by the Government, and which of these sites have closed?*

WQ204. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1999 for the Pollution Control Division, how many announced and how many unannounced inspections did they make in the calendar year 1998, what infringements were detected and what was the outcome in each case?

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

How many staff were employed *to conduct compliance assurance activities* by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1999, how many inspections *and investigations* did they *conduct pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* in the calendar year 1998, *and how many enforcement actions were undertaken by the Environmental Service under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act in the calendar year 1998?*

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ199. Moved by Ms Carlson:

What is the name and legal description of each energy industry site at which vandalism or terrorist activity was recorded between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, what is the name of the company owning or leasing the site, what damage was recorded and at which locations has a charge been laid?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ206, WQ210, WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216, WQ217.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR180. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

All Department of Labour Employment Standards Umpire Decisions for calendar years 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR180

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MR181. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

The minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 1998, organized and chaired by the Alberta Government's Chief Information Officer and attended by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services and over 60 senior representatives from key public and private sector organizations to discuss the potential impacts of Y2K (Year 2000) computer and equipment problems on essential services.

MR184. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

The Department of Labour's Year 2000 project definition that outlines a high-level plan for addressing the Department's Year 2000 risks.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Return to Orders of the Assembly No. MR184 and No. MR186

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MR186. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

The Department of Labour's Year 2000 (Y2K) assessment and comprehensive plan to address identified problems.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Return to Orders of the Assembly No. MR184 and No. MR186

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(MR184 and MR186)

MR200. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of the minutes of each meeting between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, of the Endangered Species Conservation Committee and the Independent Scientific Subcommittee, established in accordance with section 9.1 of the Wildlife Act.

MR205. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of the most recent inventory of oilfield waste in Alberta, including inverts and/or oil based drilling mud and the methods being used for their disposal.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR182. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

The Government's Y2K (Year 2000) consequence management plan developed by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services as referenced in an October 9, 1998 Government news release.

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

The progress of the Government's Y2K (Year 2000) consequence management plan developed by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services as referenced in an October 9, 1998 Government news release.

MR201. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of the most recent inventory of sites contaminated by oilfield activity including their current status and a summary of any plans for remediation.

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

A copy of the most recent inventory of upstream oil and gas sites with substance releases, and a summary of the Department's approach for ensuring the remediation of the sites.

MR202. Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of the most recent statistics and evaluation on the status of fish populations in the lakes in the north east boreal region of Alberta.

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

A list of the year and the type of fish sampling programs that have been conducted at specific lakes in the north east boreal region of Alberta since 1984.

MR203. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

A copy of any surveys, statistics and reports completed since January 1, 1995 indicating the timber supply that is available and being reserved for allocation to Grande Alberta Paper, together with the assumptions made in establishing harvest levels (including growth and yield information, reforestation standards, areas set aside for future non-timber uses and all other information pertaining to the estimation of the annual allowance cut).

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

A copy of the reports completed since January 1, 1995 (namely, the Grande Alberta Paper Joint Fibre Supply - July 31, 1995 and the Joint Timber Supply Analysis - November 1996), indicating the conifer timber supply that is available and being reserved for allocation to Grande Alberta Paper which include the assumptions made in establishing harvest levels (including growth and yield information, reforestation assumptions, areas set aside for non-timber uses and all other information pertaining to the estimation of the annual allowable cut).

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR142. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of the letters from Triple Five Corporation and the fax cover sheet sent by Hugh Tadman to the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches on May 24, 1994, as cited on page 40 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR143. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of the August 8, 1994 and August 10, 1994 letters from the former Deputy Premier to Gentra Canada Investments Inc., as cited on page 44 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR145. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of draft memoranda prepared by the former Deputy Premier for the Premier of Alberta for the period February 14, 1994 to February 22, 1994, relating to the decision of the February 14, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee on refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 36 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR146. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the handwritten note of the former Deputy Premier to the Premier recording the decision of the February 14, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee, as cited on page 36 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR147. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the briefing document about the proposed Gentra Canada Investments Inc./ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) arrangement presented to the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, as cited on pages 34 and 35 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR148. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of briefing documents, memoranda, correspondence and background documents prepared for the January 24, 1994, February 1, 1994, and February 8, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee dealing with the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 34 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR149. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of the portions of the minutes of the January 24, 1994, February 1, 1994, and February 8, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee meetings dealing with the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 34 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR150. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of letters, memoranda and briefing notes between the former Deputy Premier and the Premier for the period October 29, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing.

MR157. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes of meetings between the Premier of Alberta, the former Deputy Premier, the former Acting Superintendent, and the Ghermezians, for the period October 1, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 31 and 32 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR158. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of portions of minutes from the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee during which the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall was discussed.

MR163. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of written briefings or notes, as well as written representations from the Ghermezians, provided to the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 11 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR165. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of briefings received by the former Deputy Premier from Hugh Tadman between December 1993 and August 1994, related to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 12 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR168. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of letters, memoranda and briefing notes between the former Deputy Premier and the Premier for the period October 29, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing.

MR169. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of all studies undertaken between January 1, 1988 to March 1, 1999 by the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Department of Justice and Attorney General, and the Department of Transportation and Utilities on the merits of requiring motor vehicles to display a single license plate or two license plates.

MR185. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

The Department of Labour's Year 2000 (Y2K) contingency plan.

MR194. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the Campus Alberta Partnership Initiative, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR195. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the Request for Proposals for the two Youth Connections pilot projects, and the resulting audits after the completion of the projects, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR207, MR208, MR209.

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 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(2) as follows:

A. in the proposed section 9(1) by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.1) and by adding the following before clause (a.1):

(a) “personal health information” means any information, whether oral or recorded in any manner,

(i) about the health of an individual, including the past, present or future physical or mental health of that individual,

(ii) about any health service that is being provided or has been provided to an individual,

(iii) about the donation, by an individual, of any body part or any bodily substance of that individual or information derived from the testing or examination of any body part or any bodily substance of that individual, or

(iv) about an individual that is collected before or while a health service is provided to that individual or incidentally to any health service being provided to that individual;

B. by adding the following after the proposed section 9(5):

(6) If a quality assurance record provided to a quality assurance committee includes personal health information, then the committee shall ensure that such record is either destroyed or returned to the person or body that furnished the record in such a way that the confidentiality of the personal health information is maintained.

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 6

Carlson	Olsen	Soetaert
Dickson	Sloan	White

Against the amendment: 28

Boutilier	Fritz	O'Neill
Broda	Hancock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Klapstein	Pham
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Clegg	Lund	Severtson
Day	Magnus	Smith
Doerksen	Marz	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	Tarchuk
Dunford	Nelson	Trynchy
Evans		

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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 appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

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

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 581/99

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 582/99

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 583/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Minister of Environmental Protection) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 584/99

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 585/99

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on
division
Sessional Paper 586/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Thursday, April 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 1999

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 97 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 35 Edmonton residents requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Notices of Motions

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 imminent job action at the Calgary Board of Education resulting from this Government's failure to adequately fund public education in Calgary to cover increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Final Report: Alberta Summit on Justice, April 1999

Sessional Paper 587/99

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

Memorandum dated April 13, 1999, from Jeremy Simms, Chief Superintendent, and Deborah Achen, Superintendent, Finance and Business Services, to Principals of the Calgary Catholic School District regarding budgetary measures as a consequence of the 1998-99 expenditures being forecasted to be higher than revenues

Sessional Paper 588/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 21, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of Government leadership on the issues of education and healthcare

Sessional Paper 589/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA), Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 590/99

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Communiqué dated April 22, 1999, entitled "National awards handed out for pollution prevention," produced by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME)

Sessional Paper 591/99

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

Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), Annual Report 1998 (January 1 - December 31, 1998)

Sessional Paper 592/99

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing the retirement of Chief Judge Hon. Edward R. Wachowich on January 31, 1999, and describing his many achievements during his ten year tenure as Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Earth Day, April 22, 1999, and the importance of biodiversity and habitat protection through such initiatives as Special Places 2000 rather than the legislative proposals contained in Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Canada Book Day, April 23, 1999, and the annual Alberta Book Awards, April 24, 1999, as initiatives to promote literacy and support the efforts of Canadian authors and publishers through mechanisms such as libraries and bookstores.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 26 to April 29, 1999:

Monday, April 26

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 26, 30, 31, 32

And as per Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 27, 29, 15
And as per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, April 27 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 34, 28 |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 22, 24, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper |
| Wednesday, April 28 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Third Reading
Bills 18, 21, 14, 17
Committee of the Whole
Bills 12, 16, 15
And as per Order Paper based on
progress Monday and Tuesday |
| Thursday, April 29 | Aft. | - Royal Assent
Bills 8, 9, 10, 11, 33, 202
And as per Order Paper on
Thursday, April 29
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 35, 37, 36
And as per Order Paper |

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 imminent job action at the Calgary Board of Education resulting from this Government's failure to adequately fund public education in Calgary to cover increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Private Bills**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Graham on behalf of Ms Blakeman

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until Monday, April 26, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 1999

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. Roy Davidson, Hon. Member for Three Hills, 1964 to 1967, who passed away on April 25, 1999.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 225 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 102 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 113 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 40 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 11 constituents regarding the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market, and requesting affordable accommodation available to all Albertans.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 76 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session).

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 115 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Mrs. 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 hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

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

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ62 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 24, 1999:

What *aggregate* expenditures were made to, *and on behalf of, the members of* the Judicial Compensation Commission in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

Sessional Paper 593/99

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 1997-98

Sessional Paper 594/99

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 595/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Fact sheet detailing salary figures for a Calgary Public School teacher with four years of training and eleven or more years of teaching experience for the years 1992 to 1998

Sessional Paper 596/99

Alberta Hansard dated December 2, 1998, excerpt pages 2,281 to 2,290 regarding Bill 219, Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 597/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ30 asked for by Mr. White on March 3, 1999:

How many forest officers, *with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, and Manager in Land and Forest Service*, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1 of each year from 1992 to 1998?

Sessional Paper 598/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ32 asked for by Mr. White on March 3, 1999:

Of the money collected under the U.S. lumber countervail agreement since 1995, how much has the Federal Government returned to the Province each year, how was the money utilized by the Province and how much was used specifically for the development of forest product markets outside the United States?

Sessional Paper 599/99

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Responses to questions raised on April 20, 1999, regarding Bill 27, Regulated Forestry Profession Act, Second reading debate

Sessional Paper 600/99

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, 1998

Sessional Paper 601/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Thea Paap to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing strong opposition to private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 602/99

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

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from Mr. Brian Staples, Acting Chair, SALT (Seniors' Action and Liaison Team), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the deterioration of the Alberta medical care system, and in particular the Blue Ribbon Panel Report regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session)

Sessional Paper 603/99

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

Report detailing fees, licenses, premiums and other charges entitled "Taxes, Taxes, Taxes, and Klein, Klein, Klein," covering the years 1992-93 to 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 604/99

News release dated April 23, 1999, entitled "User Fees - A Tax By Any Other Name!" with attached fact sheet entitled "Official Opposition Recommendations on User Fees and Charges," produced by the Alberta Liberal Caucus, Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 605/99

Recognitions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Sikh community celebrating the 300 year anniversary of Khalsa.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Danielle Aubry, Top 40 Under 40 Award recipient, national awards sponsored by the Caldwell Partnership to be celebrated in Toronto on April 29, 1999.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: four recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Award and the four finalists of the Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award, as recognized in St. Albert on April 24, 1999.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Aaron Moser and the Aaron Moser Foundation volunteers for fundraising efforts.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocidal Famine of 1932-33, as recognized with a memorial marker unveiled in Calgary on April 25, 1999.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Immigrants of Distinction Award recipients, awards sponsored by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society as celebrated on April 23, 1999.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: creation of the Autumn Haggerty Library at the Gardner Bible College in Camrose, coinciding with the 65th anniversary of the institution.

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 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

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

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999 — 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Hlady

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

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. Member for West Yellowhead) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 606/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section A) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 607/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section B) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 608/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 609/99

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Amendment to Bill 15 (Section C) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 610/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section C) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 611/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section D) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 612/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section E) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 613/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section F) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 614/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section F) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 615/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section G) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 616/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section G) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 617/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section H) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 618/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section I) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 619/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section J) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 620/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section K) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 621/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section L) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 622/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section L) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 623/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section M) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 624/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section N) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 625/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section O) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 626/99

Amendment to Bill 15 (Section P) (Introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 627/99

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 15 introduced by the Minister of Environmental Protection on April 21, 1999 (Section P) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 628/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, presented a petition from 15 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 22 Lethbridge, Vulcan and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 104 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 97 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 115 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 28, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ206, WQ210.

Motions for Returns: MR207, MR208, MR209.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 22, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Craig Goebel, Head Coach, Stony Plain Eagles, offering congratulations to the Stony Plain Eagles members, coaches, staff and volunteers on winning the 1999 Allan Cup, Canadian Senior Men's Hockey Championship
Sessional Paper 629/99

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

Responses to questions raised on March 24, 1999 and April 12, 1999, Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 630/99

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists (ASET), Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 631/99

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 1998-99

Sessional Paper 632/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Dellas E. McKee to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, describing personal medical experiences and expressing support for increased funding to health care

Sessional Paper 633/99

Letter dated April 16, 1999, from Rowland T. Nichol, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 634/99

Letter dated April 20, 1999, from Murray Castle, Acting Fire Chief, Calgary Fire Department, to Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, expressing concern regarding Bill 22, Health Professions Act as related to the future adverse impact on the Calgary Fire Department

Sessional Paper 635/99

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

1999 Alberta: Prairie Province Conference on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, themed "Together Let's Find a Solution," program and registration form, May 4-7, 1999, University of Calgary, Calgary

Sessional Paper 636/99

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

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Report 1998-99, final report for the year August 1, 1998 to February 3, 1999

Sessional Paper 637/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 20, 1999, from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the tenth and final year of the Endangered Spaces Campaign and the need for leadership on protected areas issues

Sessional Paper 638/99

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) article entitled "F Overall Grade: Alberta, Assessment of Progress by the Alberta Government in Completing a Terrestrial Protected Areas System," excerpt pages from the WWF Progress Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 639/99

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) article entitled "Summary of the 1998/1999 Progress Report on Protecting Canada's Wild Lands," excerpt pages from the WWF Progress Report 1998-99, with attached news release dated April 27, 1999, entitled "With One Year Left in the Endangered Spaces Campaign, WWF Report Card Shows Canada is Floundering in its Efforts to Protect Wilderness"

Sessional Paper 640/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Registry Agent's Product Catalogue, listing of Government fees and maximum service fees regarding: driver, vehicle, land titles, corporate registry, personal property and vital statistics related products

Sessional Paper 641/99

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

Letter dated December 9, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding premiums, fees and licences with attached schedule entitled "Alberta Health: Fees, Permits and Licences," for the years 1997/98 and 1998/99

Sessional Paper 642/99

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

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) article entitled "Conservation Lands in Canada: Table Indicating the Total Area that is Currently Included in Various Kinds of Terrestrial Conservation Areas Across Canada," with description of the Endangered Spaces Campaign Protection Standards, excerpt pages from the WWF Progress Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 643/99

Letter dated April 23, 1999, from Kevin Kavanagh, Director, Endangered Spaces Campaign, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), to the Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly regarding the 1998/1999 Endangered Spaces Progress Report on Canada's Wild Lands

Sessional Paper 644/99

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

News release dated April 27, 1999, entitled "AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) Doubles Pay to Headwaters Strikers," produced by AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees)

Sessional Paper 645/99

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding 83 grade ten students attending Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament held at the Alberta Legislature on April 16, 1999, as sponsored by the Alberta Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Legislative Assembly Office.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing Edmonton parents: Cindy Joines, Cathy Staring Parrish and Donna White, founders of the Save Our Schools (SOS) petition campaign requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, made a statement expressing the concerns of constituents regarding the persecution of Christians in their homeland and the intolerance toward the Christian majority in society.

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 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery

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: 19

Amery	Klapstein	Pham
Bonner	Leibovici	Shariff
Calahasen	MacBeth	Sloan
Cao	Massey	Soetaert
Coutts	O'Neill	White
Dickson	Olsen	Wickman
Gibbons		

Against the motion: 34

Broda	Hlady	Paszkowski
Burgener	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Day	Jonson	Smith
Dunford	Kryczka	Stelmach
Fischer	Langevin	Stevens
Forsyth	Lougheed	Strang
Graham	McClellan	Tarchuk
Haley	McFarland	Thurber
Hancock	Nelson	Trynchy
Herard	Pannu	Yankowsky
Hierath		

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Marz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish effective accountability measures within the health care system through mechanisms at the point of health service access, involving both the consumer and provider.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

510. Moved by Mr. Shariff (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *consider establishing* a Council of Ministers for Social Issues to coordinate social policy development and delivery, and to consult openly with Albertans about our changing social needs.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Sloan speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 1999, for persons killed or injured in the workplace and in whose respect the flags on the Legislature Building were being flown at half-mast from sunrise until sunset.

The Speaker also made a statement regarding the establishment of the Nunavut Territory on April 1, 1999, and the receipt of the Nunavut flag which had now joined the other flags of the Canadian provinces and territories being flown in the Legislative Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 63 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 66 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 27 Rimbey, Wabamun, Duffield, Fairview and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Letter dated December 1, 1998, from Deloitte and Touche Financial Consulting Group to Mr. Peter McNeil, Director, Alberta Treasury Loans and Guarantees, regarding the preparation of a business equity valuation of PSC (Payment Services Corporation), with attached share purchase agreement dated March 31, 1999, between ISM Information Systems Management Corporation and the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 646/99

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from W.L. Hess, QC, Chair, ASC (Alberta Securities Commission), to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, in response to questions raised by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, and Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo in Committee of the Whole debate on April 26, 1999, of Bill 29, Securities Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 647/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Responses to questions raised on April 21, 1999, by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an October 1996 incident occurring at the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Plant

Sessional Paper 648/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Jan Carroll to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the passage of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 649/99

Public announcement dated November 27, 1992, entitled "Alberta Participates in Tri-Council Meeting," produced by Lee Funke, Communications Division, Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 650/99

News release dated March 11, 1992, entitled "Alberta Announces Protective Areas Initiatives," produced by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Alberta Environment; and Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife

Sessional Paper 651/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Saskatchewan Bill No. 29 of 1999, An Act respecting the Collection, Storage, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information, Access to Personal Health Information and the Privacy of Individuals with respect to Personal Health Information and making consequential amendments to other Acts

Sessional Paper 652/99

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

St. Dominic Elementary School program for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Graduation 1998-1999, held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Sessional Paper 653/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on April 15, 1999, regarding school board operating deficits

Sessional Paper 654/99

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

Public invitation to the candlelight ceremony marking the 4th International Day of Mourning for Dead and Injured Workers to be held on April 28, 1999, at Edmonton City Hall as organized by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 655/99

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Responses to questions raised on April 9, 1999, during Second reading debate of Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 656/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, proposing amendments to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, 1999, as related to user fees paid to private corporations delivering Government services

Sessional Paper 657/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Information package regarding the Effective Representation Consultation process currently underway across the province to consider electoral boundaries and the factors involved in determining effective representation, with attached effective representation questionnaire and a provincial representation comparison table

Sessional Paper 658/99

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 1999, from Karen Phillips to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding the lack of funding allocated to education causing a loss of professional personnel in her children's school

Sessional Paper 659/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 1999, and the need to ensure workplace safety through responsible actions by both employers and employees, as described in the reading of a statement issued by Marjorie Scott regarding the death of her son Keith on June 4, 1994, due to a workplace accident.

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

Oral Question Period

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

News release dated September 30, 1993, entitled "Special Places 2000 Credited for Improved Environmental Rating," produced by Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 660/99

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

Pamphlet entitled "Spring '99 Report Card, Alberta's Special Places 2000 Progress Report 1998"

Sessional Paper 661/99

Fact sheet entitled "Special Places Report Card"

Sessional Paper 662/99

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Asian Heritage Month, May 1999, celebrating Asian art, tradition, and culture.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: condolences on the loss of 105 Alberta lives due to workplace accidents in 1998.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Gordon Porteous, Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Award of Merit recipient.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Albertans who have died while on the job in Alberta due to inadequate workplace safety.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Protection Against Family Violence Act proclamation occurring on June 1, 1999.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: 68 grade six graduates of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at St. Dominic Elementary School.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Alberta Department of Transportation and Utilities, Clean World Award recipient for the annual spring cleanup program and the Adopt-a-Highway Program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ206. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Given that on pages 12, 31 and 32 of the Auditor General's report entitled "Examination of the WestView Regional Health Authority" dated March 31, 1998, the Auditor General states that different Regional Health Authorities had different assets and liabilities at their inception as well as different costs in delivering services, when will the Government implement a funding formulae that considers the factors which the Auditor General cited on pages 12, 31 and 32?

WQ210. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

In the funding formulae for Regional Health Authorities, how many data proxies (as opposed to factual data generated by the respective Regional Health Authorities) are being used and from what data sources are they derived?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216, WQ217, WQ218, WQ219, WQ220.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR207. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

The number of individuals for whom the Aspen Regional Health Authority #11 is financially responsible who are receiving continuing care and who are receiving home care.

MR209. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, between Alberta Health and Regional Health Authorities defining administration, other direct labour costs, material costs, and capital costs for the purposes of cost accounting.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR208. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, from April 1, 1997 to the present, between Alberta Health and the present Chief Administrative Officer of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority #12 which address, in whole and in part, the following issues: program reductions, program elimination, staff reductions, and other cost cutting measures.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1999 —Mr. Fischer

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 20

Blakeman	Fischer	McFarland
Broda	Graham	Severtson
Carlson	Jacques	Soetaert
Clegg	Johnson	Strang
Coutts	Klapstein	Thurber
Ducharme	MacDonald	Trynchy
Evans	Mar	

Against the motion: 26

Amery	Kryczka	Sapers
Burgener	Laing	Shariff
Cao	Leibovici	Smith
Day	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	MacBeth	Tannas
Dunford	Magnus	Taylor
Friedel	Nelson	Yankowsky
Fritz	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Olsen	

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Mr. Doerksen
- Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Mr. Stevens
- Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang
- Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day on behalf of Mr. Hlady

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
- Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

Mr. Tannas, 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 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 663/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 664/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:18 p.m. until Thursday, April 29, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1999

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 innocent victims of violence.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 108 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting increased funding for speech language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,
April 1999, for the 1997-98 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 665/99

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Postcard signed by Pauline Worsfold, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, entitled "CPR (Caring, Professional, Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses) for Health Care: Resuscitate Health Care... Hire Registered Nurses," produced by the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 666/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Fact sheet entitled "Women's Caucus: The objective of the Women's Caucus is to formulate policy and empower women, a vital part of the labour movement," as held at each AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour) Convention and other functions organized by the AFL

Sessional Paper 667/99

Single and Divorced Speak-out Association (Complainant) versus Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta, Alberta Social Services (Respondent), N96100232, Investigator: Darryl A. Aarbo, report in conclusion to a complaint made under the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act

Sessional Paper 668/99

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

4 letters dated February 16, 1999 to March 8, 1999, from concerned parents to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requesting increased funding for public education to levels which will cover increased costs, and in particular to address the current financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 669/99

Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony Program held April 28, 1999, as sponsored by the AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour), Alberta and the Northwest Territories Building Trades Council, the Edmonton and District Labour Council, and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 670/99

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

News release dated April 28, 1999, entitled "International Day of Mourning," produced by Ms Stephanie Ky, Shadow Minister for Industrial Affairs, Shadow Minister of Youth Affairs, and Shadow Minister Assisting in Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, MP (Member of Parliament), South Australia

Sessional Paper 671/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ20 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How many long term care facilities are currently being renovated to add new beds and what is the total number of long term care beds being added to the health care system?

Sessional Paper 672/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ21 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How many Regional Health Authorities have examinations/audits underway, how many have been completed and what is the total cost to taxpayers?

Sessional Paper 673/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ22 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How much money has been raised from corporate sponsors to support the "You're Amazing" health promotion project and how much has the Department of Health invested in this project between January 1, 1997 and February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 674/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ23 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

What projects are underway which promote alternative approaches to paying physicians through the tripartite process involving Alberta Health, the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities?

Sessional Paper 675/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ38 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How much money was provided to needle exchange programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grande Prairie to prevent HIV infection among non-prescription drug users for the fiscal year 1997-98, and from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 676/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in reference to comments made by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, relating to his understanding of the justice system, with attached 17 newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 677/99

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

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to His Worship Harley Phillips, Mayor of Taber, offering condolences for the suffering caused by the shootings at W.R. Myers High School, April 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 678/99

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Mr. Don Gellatly, Principal, W.R. Myers High School, offering condolences following the tragic event which occurred at W. R. Myers High School, April 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 679/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Dr. Steve Overell, Mrs. Linda Overell and their three children, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 680/99

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Clayton Riben to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 681/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

28 letters dated April 28, 1999, from Edmonton and area residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 682/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement in condolence on the death of Jason Lang and the critically injured second student at W.R. Myers High School in Taber on April 28, 1999, and offering sympathies and Government assistance to meet the needs of the community in their time of grief and sorrow.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing Alberta Library Week, May 3-9, 1999, to raise awareness of library services and promote lifelong learning with the enhanced access to information through the Internet and the Alberta Library Card initiative.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing May Day, an international day to support producers of goods and services for local consumption and export, and the need to improve efforts by the Labour Relations Board to support unions and collective bargaining.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the establishment of Ma'mōwe Child and Family Services Authority on April 1, 1999, to support a community focussed delivery of social services, and the efforts by Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 3 to May 6, 1999:

Monday, May 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 30, 31, 32, 38
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 20, 24, 26, 15
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 4 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 36, 37
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 34, 25, 22, 23
Committee of the Whole
Bills 12, 15
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 5 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 36, 35
Committee of the Whole
Bills 36, 16, 26, 15
And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, May 6 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bills 36, 7
Second Reading
Bills 32, 28, 38, 37
And as per Order Paper

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:

- 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999
- 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999
- 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999
- 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$)
- 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999
- 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999
- 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999
- 21 Irrigation Districts Act
- 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act
- 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999
- 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$)
- 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999
- Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act
- Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

Mr. Friedel 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 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:08 p.m. until Monday, May 3, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 104 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 74 Calgary and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Municipal Affairs information release regarding pine shakes (561 pages)
Sessional Paper 683/99

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

Muslims in Canada: A Century of Achievement, Arabian Muslim Association program of events held on May 1-2, 1999 at the Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 684/99

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

Letter dated May 3, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, relating to Hon. Mr. Havelock's response during Oral Question Period on April 29, 1999, and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 38, Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999, with attached Alberta Hansard excerpt pages dated March 19, 1992 to June 25, 1992, regarding Bill 1, Constitutional Referendum Act (4th Session, 22nd Legislature)

Sessional Paper 685/99

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

CFIB (Canadian Federation of Independent Business) research fact sheet entitled "User Fee Fast Facts - Municipal Affairs," data source: Municipal Affairs annual reports and budget documents, Alberta Registries, and registry offices of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Sessional Paper 686/99

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

Memorandum dated April 30, 1999, from Bob Rechner, Children's Advocate, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding comments made by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on April 27, 1999, about the Office of the Children's Advocate

Sessional Paper 687/99

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

Gas Processing Plant Sulphur Balance Report dated February 11, 1999 and March 10, 1999, relating to the Rimbey Gas Plant, excerpt pages from Approved Gas Processing Plants in Alberta, January 1999

Sessional Paper 688/99

Oral Question Period

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

Fact sheet entitled "Bulletin: Treated Pine Shakes," dated April 29, 1999, produced by Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 689/99

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Multiple Sclerosis Month, May 1999, and the efforts of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Alberta.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Muslim Community Century of Achievement celebration held May 1-2, 1999, and the many contributions of the Muslim community.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: community health and social services provided by C.U.P.S. (Calgary Urban Projects Society) and the Society's mortgage burning ceremony, April 27, 1999.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Vanessa Martire, winner of the Miss Italia Edmonton Society 1999 Pageant.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Boy Scout Ryan Lewis of Beaverlodge, winner of the Chief Scout's Award.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 40th anniversary of the Walterdale Theatre.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 25th anniversary of the Millet Lions Club and the community services provided.

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the many significant dates and commemorative designations occurring in May 1999.

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

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

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, 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 the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

A debate followed.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, moved the Bill be amended in section 115(2) by adding the following after clause (s):

(t) subject to a regulation under section 116, allow a person to ride in the unenclosed box of a truck.

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 8

Dickson	Olsen	Soetaert
Leibovici	Sapers	White
MacDonald	Sloan	

Against the amendment: 27

Boutilier	Havelock	Pham
Calahasen	Jonson	Renner
Cao	Klapstein	Severtson
Cardinal	Kryczka	Stelmach
Clegg	Lund	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Fischer	Mar	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Oberg	Thurber
Fritz	Paszkowski	West

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

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

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Highwood) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 690/99

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 691/99

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 692/99

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 693/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on behalf of
the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 695/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-
St. Albert) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 696/99

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate
adjourned
Sessional Paper 697/99

Letter dated April 26, 1999, from Neil Wilkinson, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, expressing support for Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, and injury control policy initiatives such as the regulation of the riding in the back of pickup trucks and the mandatory use of bicycle helmets

Adjournment

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 57 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Written Questions: WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ206 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

Given that on pages 12, 31 and 32 of the Auditor General's report entitled "Examination of the WestView Regional Health Authority" dated March 31, 1998, the Auditor General states that different Regional Health Authorities had different assets and liabilities at their inception as well as different costs in delivering services, when will the Government implement a funding formulae that considers the factors which the Auditor General cited on pages 12, 31 and 32?

Sessional Paper 698/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ210 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

In the funding formulae for Regional Health Authorities, how many data proxies (as opposed to factual data generated by the respective Regional Health Authorities) are being used and from what data sources are they derived?

Sessional Paper 699/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR111 asked for by Ms Leibovici on April 14, 1999:

The Year 2000 assessment report conducted for the health system and individual regional health authorities.

Sessional Paper 700/99

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

Letter dated June 15, 1998, from Janet Hancock, Committee to Keep CALM (Career and Life Management) 20, to Mr. Severtson, Chair, Standing Policy Committee on Education and Training, expressing strong support for the maintenance of CALM 20 as a high school diploma requirement

Sessional Paper 701/99

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

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Dale Karpluk, Principal, Jasper Junior/Senior High School, to parents regarding the Grande Yellowhead Regional Division financial situation and the effects of the lack of funding allocation to public education

Sessional Paper 702/99

E-mail message dated May 3, 1999, from Lorna McKerness to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 703/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

13 letters dated April 29, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 704/99

E-mail message dated May 3, 1999, from Lorna McKerness to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 705/99

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from David J. Parker, Instructor, NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 706/99

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Petition signed by 738 Albertans expressing opposition to the removal of VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Sessional Paper 707/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Press release dated April 30, 1999, entitled "Province of Alberta - Confirms at AA (high) and R-1 (middle)," produced by Genevieve Lavallée and Michael Rao, Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited

Sessional Paper 708/99

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

Asian Heritage Month program for Edmonton's second annual celebration held at City Hall on May 1, 1999, with a schedule of events occurring during May 1999, and attached postcard entitled "Edmonton's Asian Heritage Month, May 1999"

Sessional Paper 709/99

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

10 proposed amendments dated May 3-4, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 710/99

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

News release dated April 20, 1999, entitled "High School Students Rally in Support of Education," organized by Western Canada High School Students' Union to be held on April 23, 1999 at the McDougall Centre, with attached sheet detailing a second rally to be held on April 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 711/99

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Shirley-Anne Reuben, Tax Committee, Inglewood Community Association, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing support for the disclosure of information relating to property tax assessments in Calgary

Sessional Paper 712/99

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, and committee fees, details of claims made by 17 Members of the Liberal Caucus, Official Opposition of the Legislative Assembly, during the 1998-99 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 713/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the fire which occurred at the Father Lacombe Centre in Calgary, the loss of this historic landmark to the community, and the site's current restoration with the establishment of St. Mary's College.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Oliver School innovative MicroSociety Program being launched on May 14, 1999, a teaching program comprised of six strands: technology, economy, academy, citizenship and government, humanities and arts, and the heart (community efforts).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement recognizing the Muslim Community Century of Achievement as celebrated with numerous events held May 1-2, 1999, and the many contributions, achievements and accomplishments of the Canadian Muslim community, such as the creation of Al-Rashid Mosque, the first Mosque built in North America and now situated in Fort Edmonton Park.

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 Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Shariff (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *consider establishing* a Council of Ministers for Social Issues to coordinate social policy development and delivery, and to consult openly with Albertans about our changing social needs.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

511. Moved by Mr. Fischer (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate ways to improve *traffic safety at rural intersections by improving the visibility of "Important Intersections Ahead" signs or by adding additional signage informing drivers of upcoming intersections.*

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999 — 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 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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 20 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on May 3, 1999) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 714/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 p.m. until Wednesday, May 5, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

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 42 St. Albert and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 84 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Class Size and Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR): Exploring the Myths, an examination of research into reduced class size and PTRs and the effects on student achievement, prepared for Alberta Education

Sessional Paper 715/99

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

Watson Wyatt Special Memorandum article dated April 1999, entitled "Financial Services Commission of Ontario Releases Policy Regarding Same-Sex Survivor Benefits," produced by Watson Wyatt Canada Consultants and Actuaries

Sessional Paper 716/99

Calgary Board of Education 1999/2000 Preliminary Operating Budget: Budget Overview, excerpt pages highlighting new revenues from Alberta Education, increased pressure on costs, and accumulated operating deficit management

Sessional Paper 717/99

Fact sheet entitled "Summary of Special Education Cuts: 1999-2000 Budget"

Sessional Paper 718/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on April 15, 1999 and April 19, 1999, Lottery Fund Estimates, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 719/99

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

Letter dated May 3, 1999, from Laura Elizabeth West, Grovenor School grade five student, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing dismay with the loss of Mr. Trent's teaching position due to a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 720/99

Letter, undated, from Courtney Neitsch, Grovenor School grade five student, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education; Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing dismay with the loss of Mr. Trent's teaching position due to a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 721/99

11 proposed amendments dated May 4, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 722/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated May 3, 1999, entitled "Headwaters Negotiations Adjourned: Health Unit Strike Continues," produced by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE)

Sessional Paper 723/99

News release dated May 4, 1999, entitled "Headwaters Workers to Bring Strike to the Alberta Legislature," produced by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE)

Sessional Paper 724/99

News release dated May 5, 1997, entitled "New Democrats Call for the Alberta Government to Commit to Providing Provincial Funding for Midwifery Services," produced by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 725/99

Letter dated May 4, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, due to the Minister's amendments not making substantive changes to the key sections following the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 726/99

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

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR15 asked for by Dr. Nicol on March 10, 1999:

Any correspondence or consulting reports that do not compromise client/solicitor and third party confidentiality, compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.

Sessional Paper 727/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheet entitled "Comparison of the Ontario and Alberta Tax Plans," detailing the 1999-2000 standard calculation of tax load

Sessional Paper 728/99

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

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from C. Stuart Coates to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the recent announcement that physical therapy patients will no longer receive benefits when attending clinics outside of their health region

Sessional Paper 729/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 27, 1999, from June Allison and Angela Bourret, Southern Alberta Citizens in Support of Maintenance Enforcement Action Committee, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, proposing changes to Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999, as affecting custodial parents

Sessional Paper 730/99

Birth Issues: Current Options in Pregnancy, Birth and Childcare, the Magazine of the Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth (ASAC), volume XIII, issue number 4, dated Spring 1999

Sessional Paper 731/99

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

Letter dated May 4, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding a question raised on April 21, 1999, relating to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Plant

Sessional Paper 732/99

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

Map detailing the Big Lake Conservation Natural Area (2,766 acres)

Sessional Paper 733/99

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Map detailing the Hay-Zama Lakes Wildland Park (120,089 acres)

Sessional Paper 734/99

Recognitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Sandra Botting, non-practicing midwife, for midwifery efforts as recognized on the International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 1999.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: 60th anniversary and community efforts of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, May 8, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth and the Calgary Association of Parents for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth for efforts to have midwifery services integrated into the health care system.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: 50th anniversary of the Gibbons Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, May 1, 1999, and in particular the Auxiliary's first president Della Gibbons.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Mental Health Week, May 3-10, 1999 themed "Making Mental Health Happen" with a goal to increase awareness of workplace stress.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: March for Youth Against Violence, St. Albert Youth Council event held on May 1, 1999, in support for zero tolerance for violence.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Alberta Library Week, May 2-8, 1999, and the Edmonton Public Library Smart Search Program, recipient of the Creative Public Library Service Award.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ212. Moved by Ms Carlson:

What is the total number of industrial facilities that were licensed to operate in the province by Alberta Environmental Protection each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many approvals and permits were issued to such facilities in each of those years?

WQ215. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many water wells were reclaimed each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many well inspections were carried out each year?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ211. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many inspections did Alberta Environmental Protection staff conduct of licensed industrial facilities each year between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1998, how many infringements were found each year and in how many cases each year was enforcement action taken?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *enforcement actions were taken by* Alberta Environmental Protection staff *on* licensed industrial facilities each year between *September 1, 1993* and December 31, 1998, *as a result of inspections or investigations?*

WQ213. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many inspectors (full time equivalents) were working in Environmental Services, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998 and how many were working in equivalent positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *Alberta Environmental Protection, Environmental Service staff* (full time equivalents) were *inspectors at the end of each calendar year from 1993 to 1998?*

WQ214. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many sites were inspected each year?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from *April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1999*, and how many *well site reclamation inquiries were held* each year?

WQ216. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked on regulatory approvals in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in similar positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in *its predecessor, the Environmental Regulatory Service, on the same date each year from 1993 to 1997?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ217, WQ218, WQ219, WQ220, WQ226, WQ227.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225, MR228, MR229, MR230.

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 Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 11

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	MacBeth	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	Wickman
Gibbons	Pannu	

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Hierath	Melchin
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Shariff
Day	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Laing	Stevens
Dunford	Langevin	Tannas
Friedel	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	Taylor
Graham	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

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

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Gibbons 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 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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 11:55 p.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 735/99

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 736/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on behalf of
the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 737/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 738/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Bonnyville-
Cold Lake on April 28, 1999) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 739/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on behalf of
the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 740/99

Amendment to Bill 26 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Norwood on May 3, 1999) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 741/99

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 11:56 p.m. until 12:03 a.m.

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 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy; Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan; and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, first elected to the Legislative Assembly on May 8, 1986.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 15 Edson residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 30 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Mrs. 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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised on March 22, 1999 in Committee of Supply Subcommittee debate and April 12, 1999 debate, 1999-2000 Main Estimates, Department of Health

Sessional Paper 742/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 743/99

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Three Year Strategic Plan 1999-2001

Sessional Paper 744/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 29, 1999, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1999-2000 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 745/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Statistical report prepared by physicians and nurses of Alberta outlining the benefits of bicycle helmet usage

Sessional Paper 746/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Bibliography entitled "Long term care reports to be tabled May 6, 1999"

Sessional Paper 747/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Government of Ontario press release dated March 3, 1999, entitled "Harris government protects public health care - private hospitals to close"

Sessional Paper 748/99

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, regarding standards for "long stay" non-hospital surgical facilities (NHSFs)

Sessional Paper 749/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Status Report: The Newsletter of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, dated August 1998

Sessional Paper 750/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated May 3, 1999, from Brune Sinneave to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 751/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Randal Glaholt to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 752/99

Letter dated May 6, 1999, from David W. Poulton, Conservation Director, Calgary/Banff Chapter, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act with suggestions relating to the proposed amendments relating to the impact on existing sites, overriding discretion, and honouring existing dispositions

Sessional Paper 753/99

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

Sir Austin's Page newsletter entitled "Spring at Austin O'Brien," dated Spring 1999, prepared by students and staff at Austin O'Brien High School

Sessional Paper 754/99

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

17 proposed amendments dated May 6, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 755/99

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

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Zorica Knezevic to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 756/99

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Bob Blaxley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns with Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and requesting that the Bill be amended or redrafted

Sessional Paper 757/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Lloyd Noga to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 758/99

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

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from George Newton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 759/99

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Jeremy Keehn to Members of the Liberal Opposition expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 760/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Dr. Steve Overell, Mrs. Linda Overell and their three children to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns and opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 761/99

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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy response to a request for documents from the Department of Economic Development relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall as assembled in 1994, highlighting that of 159 pages, 79 were blank and 33 were newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 762/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding Alberta Crime Prevention Week, May 8-14, 1999, themed "Crime Prevention: It's in Your Neighbourhood," and the need for all Albertans to work together to prevent crime as recognized through the presentation on May 8, 1999, of twelve Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Awards.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement recognizing: Mother's Day, May 9, 1999; the anniversary of Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, first elected May 8, 1986; the surrender in Europe signed on May 7, 1945; and VE (Victory in Europe) Day celebrated on May 8, 1945. The Speaker also recognized the winners of the 5th annual Page Speech Competition: first place winner Daniel Novak, second place winner Howard Yeung, and third place winners Simone Godbout and Janine Melnichuk.

Members' Statements

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding Arbor Day being celebrated in Alberta on May 6, 1999, a tree planting initiative with the distribution of spruce and pine seedlings which began in 1893 to promote public awareness of the value of forests and the environment.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing Sarah Jane Groh, registered nurse, and paying tribute to the professional dedication of registered nurses as celebrated during International Nurses Week.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the official opening on April 30, 1999, of Griffin Manor, a showhome located in Calgary designed by Ernest Manning High School students in partnership with Shane Homes.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 10 to May 13, 1999:

Monday, May 10	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 28, 32, 30, 35
		And as per Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 34, 12, 22, 23, 15 |
| Tuesday, May 11 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 31 |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 25
Committee of the Whole
Bills 37, 34, 23, 22, 12, 15
And as per Order Paper |
| Wednesday, May 12 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
As per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday and Tuesday
Committee of the Whole
Bills 31, 34, 16, 22, 23, 12, 15 |
| Thursday, May 13 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Government Motions
Government Motion 20
Second Reading
As per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday
Third Reading
Bills 20, 24, 26, 16
And as per Order Paper |

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Leibovici 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 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, May 10, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 111 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 44 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 46 Devon and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 184 Wainwright, Denwood and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 114 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 45 Eckville, Innisfail and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 56 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 763/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status in the Province who have been placed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 764/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR11 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Request for proposals and updates on the one year pilot projects started in the spring of 1998 which involve completing department-funded psychological and functional assessment of selected Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applicants and recipients.

Sessional Paper 765/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR12 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Policy review report on Aboriginal adoptions due February, 1998.

Sessional Paper 766/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR13 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Update documents on the proposed AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) review and reforms since September, 1998.

Sessional Paper 767/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR18 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Child Welfare League of Canada report on adoptions in Alberta, 1997-1999.

Sessional Paper 768/99

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

Discussion paper and pamphlet entitled "National Children's Agenda: Developing a Shared Vision," with attached supplementary discussion paper and pamphlet entitled "National Children's Agenda: Measuring Child Well-being and Monitoring Progress"

Sessional Paper 769/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Status Report: The Newsletter of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 770/99

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

8 letters dated February 1, 1999 to May 10, 1999, from the Calgary Police Service, Edmonton Police Service, Camrose Police Service, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, East Central Health Authority, Battle River Regional Division #31, Alberta School Boards Association, and the Lakeland Regional Health Authority, to Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, providing comments regarding the consumption of tobacco products by minors and expressing support for Bill 208, Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act

Sessional Paper 771/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ25 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears or did not receive the full amount of court-ordered support *as at December 31, 1997*?

Sessional Paper 772/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ26 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 773/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ27 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 774/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ29 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

What criteria does Alberta Justice use to determine whether a jurisdiction should be approached with a view to negotiating an agreement leading to the jurisdiction's inclusion in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 775/99

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Response to Written Question No. WQ48 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many agreements is the Department of Justice currently negotiating with other jurisdictions pursuant to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act?

Sessional Paper 776/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ49 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

How many staff positions were vacant in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program *on a quarterly basis for the period December 31, 1995 to February 28, 1999?*

Sessional Paper 777/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ50 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears and by how much were they in arrears on December 31, 1998?

Sessional Paper 778/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ67 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

At the end of each month in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999, how many individuals occupying permanent or contract positions were on disability in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program due to a Workers' Compensation Board claim?

Sessional Paper 779/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Communiqué dated May 8, 1999, entitled "Children's outcomes improve as family income rises to \$30,000, new study shows," with attached executive summary entitled "Income and child well-being: a new perspective on the poverty debate," produced by the Canadian Council on Social Development

Sessional Paper 780/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters dated April 29, 1999 to May 4, 1999, from B. Campbell, Kevin Stewart, Marcel Howrish, and Charlene L. Ball, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions made by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 781/99

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Donna Clandfield to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 782/99

Letter dated May 6, 1999, from Margaret Marean to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 783/99

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

7 proposed amendments dated May 5, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 784/99

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Joe Wynne Branch #51 of the Royal Canadian Legion, celebration held on May 8, 1999, in commemoration of V.E. (Victory in Europe) Day proclaimed on May 8, 1945.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Mental Health Week, March 3-9, 1999, in recognition of the efforts of mental health providers, care givers, and volunteers in providing mental health services.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association) Specialist Council on Health and Physical Education 1999 Conference held on May 8-9, 1999, at Augustana College in Camrose.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Alvena Strasbourg, constituent, author, Métis Elder, advocate for the community betterment of the Métis people, and the Keyano College Board of Governors 1999 Distinguished Citizen's Award recipient.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Nursing Week, May 10-16, 1999, themed "Registered Nurses, Leaders in Health," and the leading role of nurses in the health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Museums Week, May 16-22, 1999, and the innovative "Fabrications: Stitching Our Lives Together" exhibit presented by the Red Deer and District Museum.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Jeanette Gagnon, 1999 Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Award recipient for efforts supporting the Calgary Block Parent initiative as recognized on May 8, 1999.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999

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

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

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999 — 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 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Amendment to Bill 12 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on April 28, 1999) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 785/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 786/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 787/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 788/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 789/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 790/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 791/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 792/99

Amendment to Bill 23 (Sections B, D, F and G) (Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 793/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

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 125 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 116 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 101 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 147 Lethbridge, Coaldale, Taber and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 122 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 22 Lethbridge and area residents expressing opposition to Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 12, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ217.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Memorandum dated May 11, 1999, from Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Government Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding clarification of newspaper reports relating to effective representation

Sessional Paper 794/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated May 4, 1999, from Webb Dussome to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 795/99

E-mail message dated April 27, 1999, from Rob Story to Members of the Liberal Opposition, expressing strong opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 796/99

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

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Dr. Tracey Henderson to Members of the Liberal Opposition, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 797/99

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Judi Vandenbrink to Members of the Liberal Opposition, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 798/99

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

Petition signed by 98 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 799/99

Letter, undated, from Nigel Mullan, Owner/Broker, Spruceland Insurance and Financial Services, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concerns regarding Bill 25, Insurance Act

Sessional Paper 800/99

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

Letter dated March 26, 1999, from Chris Hrynkiw, Chairperson, Grimshaw Berwyn High School Parent Advisory Council, expressing concerns regarding the lack of funding allocated to public education, and in particular the difficulty of rural schools to provide similar quality core programs as provided by urban schools

Sessional Paper 801/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Petition signed by 35 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 802/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA), Region 2, resolution expressing concerns regarding Bill 22, Health Professions Act, and requesting an amendment to exclude the certification requirement of Fire Medical Responders (FMRs) and providers of the Public Access AED (Automatic External Defibrillation) Program

Sessional Paper 803/99

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

Petition signed by 38 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 804/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated May 10, 1999, from Jay Merchant, Coronation High School student, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the lack of funding allocation to public education, as discussed with Mr. Preston Manning, Leader of the Reform Party of Canada, at the Forum for Young Canadians held in Ottawa

Sessional Paper 805/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 29, 1999, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1999-2000 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 806/99

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Map detailing the Special Places 2000 - Whaleback Protected Area (70,770 acres)

Sessional Paper 807/99

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

9 proposed amendments dated May 11, 1999, to Bill 37, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 808/99

Petition signed by 61 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 809/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Junior League of Edmonton, an organization of women committed to developing its members as effective volunteers to strengthen the community.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding elm trees, the devastating impact of Dutch Elm disease, and the constant monitoring and strong combative efforts required to prevent the importation of beetles which transmit the virus through fire wood currently being charged for in campgrounds by Alberta Environmental Protection.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding site-based management decision-making in the education system with policy and funding support for the Children's Initiative, and recognizing the fund raising initiatives and parent volunteering efforts in public schools, such as Alex Ferguson School, to enhance their local school community.

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 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

At 3:27 p.m. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Mr. Fischer (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate ways to improve *traffic safety at rural intersections by improving the visibility of “Important Intersections Ahead” signs or by adding additional signage informing drivers of upcoming intersections.*

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

512. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to compile an assessment report which shall include indicators of vulnerabilities in Alberta children and the status of provincial programs for such children, to be tabled annually in the Legislative Assembly.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Blakeman
Bonner
Carlson
Dickson
Gibbons

Leibovici
MacBeth
Massey
Nicol

Olsen
Pannu
Sloan
Soetaert

Against the motion: 42

Burgener	Herard	O'Neill
Calahasen	Hierath	Paszkowski
Cao	Jacques	Pham
Clegg	Johnson	Renner
Doerksen	Jonson	Severtson
Ducharme	Klapstein	Stelmach
Dunford	Kryczka	Strang
Evans	Laing	Tannas
Forsyth	Langevin	Tarchuk
Friedel	Lougheed	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	Thurber
Graham	McClellan	Trynchy
Haley	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hancock	Nelson	Zwozdesky

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1999 — 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 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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 11:58 p.m., 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 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

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

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake on behalf of the Hon. Member for Peace River) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 810/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 811/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 812/99

The Acting Speaker recessed the Assembly at 11:59 p.m. until 12:01 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

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

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 813/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 814/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 815/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 816/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 817/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 818/99

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 819/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:23 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 103 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 78 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 108 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Team Alberta Premier's Mission to the Pacific Northwest and Mexico,
January 18-28, 1999: Mission Report, dated May 12, 1999

Sessional Paper 820/99

1998 Public Consultation Report detailing completed public consultations,
hearings and meetings for each Government department occurring between
January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998, compiled by the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 821/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ128 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31,
1999:

What were the amounts held in the trust funds being administered by the
Department of Justice and Attorney General under the Public Trustee Trusts, the
various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts,
Solicitors Trust, and *Institutional Trusts* in each *fiscal year* during the five year
period ending *March 31, 1998*?

Sessional Paper 822/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ129 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What investment firms, banks, trust companies, or other advisors were retained by the Department of Justice and Attorney General to administer and invest trust funds, namely the Public Trustee Trusts, the various Courts and Sheriff's Offices Trusts, Maintenance Enforcement Trusts, Solicitors Trust, Institutional Trusts, and Impaired Driving Initiatives Trust, in each of the ten fiscal years ending March 31, 1998?

Sessional Paper 823/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR115 asked for by Ms Olsen on April 14, 1999:

Copies of all agreements between financial institutions and the Department of Justice and Attorney General relating to trust funds under administration for each of the fiscal years ending after January 1, 1993 to February 25, 1999.

Sessional Paper 824/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Fact sheet entitled "International Nurses' Day - Wednesday, May 12, 1999," detailing noon ceremonies to celebrate the role of nurses in the delivery of health care

Sessional Paper 825/99

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

Letter dated March 30, 1999, from Arno Birkigt, Chairman, Municipal Safety Codes Inspection Commission, and Reeve of the County of Athabasca No. 12, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing support for the proposed clause in Bill 39, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, altering the Safety Codes Act to be compatible with the Municipal Government Act in allowing the legal formation of a commission for the provision of municipal permit and inspection services

Sessional Paper 826/99

Fact sheet, undated and unsigned, entitled "The Evils of Bill 16," expressing opposition to Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999, due to violations of due process, rights and substantive rights

Sessional Paper 827/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Addendum pages 59, 60, 62 and 63 to the May 6, 1999 tabling entitled "Responses to questions raised on March 22, 1999 in Committee of Supply Subcommittee debate and April 12, 1999 debate, 1999-2000 Main Estimates, Department of Health" (Sessional Paper 742/99)

Sessional Paper 828/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated May 11, 1999, from Marie Dmytriw, Secretary, Senior Citizens Sunshine Club of Vegreville, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, detailing a resolution passed on May 11, 1999, expressing opposition to the Lakeland Regional Health Authority decision to shut down the intermediate care beds in the St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville

Sessional Paper 829/99

Proposed amendment dated May 10, 1999, to Bill 22, Health Professions Act, relating to overnight stays for patients

Sessional Paper 830/99

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

Letter dated May 10, 1999, from Dr. A. Lee Foote, professional ecologist, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 831/99

E-mail message dated May 11, 1999, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, detailing the lack of ecological stewardship occurring in Yamnuska Natural Area

Sessional Paper 832/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Supreme Court of Canada Decision No. 25866, Between Marie Sarah Eurig, Executor of the Estate of Donald Valentine Eurig (Appellant), and the Registrar of the Ontario Court (General Division), and the Attorney General of Ontario (Respondents), Factum of the Intervenor, The Attorney General of Alberta

Sessional Paper 833/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

14 letters dated May 4-5, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions from the public regarding protected areas

Sessional Paper 834/99

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

Red Deer Advocate newspaper article dated May 1, 1999, entitled "Clearcutting of West Country has already gone too far," written by Jim Wiseman, Red Deer resident

Sessional Paper 835/99

4 aerial photographs dated February 1999, detailing clear cuts over the last five years at Lynx Creek and Pinto Creek; west of Rocky Mountain House, south of Ram River high grade logging road; north of Highway 11 at Nordegg; and Williams Creek, northwest of Sundre

Sessional Paper 836/99

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

Letter dated April 20, 1999, from H.M. Eklund, senior citizen, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, detailing the economic hardship of meeting payments for Alberta Healthcare premiums, costs of health care supplies, and the loss of the senior citizens' property tax reduction and seniors' utility benefits

Sessional Paper 837/99

14 proposed amendments dated May 10, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 838/99

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, delivered 3,500 signed postcards to the Premier expressing opposition to the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals.

Recognitions

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: 1885 Calgary Town Hall Recreation project undertaken by the Heritage Park Historical Village, located above the Glenmore reservoir.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Ottewell Community Police Patrol for community protection and crime prevention efforts.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Dale Gullekson, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) School-Community Public Relations Award recipient.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Olga Logvynenko's retirement following 23 years of teaching service with Highland Junior High School.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: 10 year anniversary of the Alberta Construction Safety Association and the launch of the "Heads Up, Work Smart, Work Safe" campaign to combat workplace accidents.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: International Nurses' Day, May 12, 1999, and the dedicated contribution of the United Nurses of Alberta (UNA) union and nurses in the provision of health care services.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Opening of Kerby Rotary House Centre, May 12, 1999, an elder abuse shelter located in Calgary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ217. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many approvals and how many permits were issued by Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1 and December 31, 1998, and how many equivalent approvals and permits were issued each year from 1990 to 1997?

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

How many approvals were issued by Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1 and December 31, 1998, and how many equivalent approvals were issued each year from 1994 to 1997?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ218, WQ219, WQ220, WQ226, WQ227, WQ231, WQ232.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225, MR228, MR229, MR230, MR233, MR234, MR235, MR236.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Alberta Wheat and Barley Board Act — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 8

Clegg	Fischer	Hlady
Coutts	Friedel	McFarland
Dunford	Hierath	

Against the motion: 43

Boutilier	Johnson	Pham
Broda	Jonson	Renner
Calahasen	Klapstein	Severtson
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Carlson	Langevin	Stevens
Day	Lougheed	Strang
Dickson	MacDonald	Tannas
Doerksen	Magnus	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Mar	Taylor
Evans	Melchin	Thurber
Fritz	Nicol	Wickman
Gibbons	O'Neill	Woloshyn
Graham	Olsen	Yankowsky
Hancock	Pannu	Zwozdesky
Herard		

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

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999 — 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 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended in the following sections by adding “as adjusted annually for inflation” after “\$100,000”:

- section 5 in the proposed section 4(2)(d);
- section 6 in the proposed section 5.2(2);
- section 8 in the proposed section 8(c).

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 7

Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
MacDonald	Sloan	White
Massey		

Against the amendment: 31

Boutilier	Hancock	Renner
Broda	Herard	Shariff
Calahasen	Hierath	Stelmach
Cardinal	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Laing	Strang
Day	Langevin	Tarchuk
Doerksen	McFarland	Taylor
Dunford	Melchin	Woloshyn
Evans	Nelson	Yankowsky
Fischer	Pham	Zwozdesky
Fritz		

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 32, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999, Mr. Dickson, 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 minutes to one minute.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended in section 11, in the proposed section 13, by adding the following after subsection (2):

- (3) The Minister shall establish a committee composed of 5 representatives of non-governmental disability organizations which shall meet twice a year to review and provide advice to the Minister on regulations made pursuant to section 13.

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 8

Carlson	Massey	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	White
MacDonald	Sloan	

Against the amendment: 29

Boutilier	Fritz	Renner
Broda	Hancock	Shariff
Calahasen	Hierath	Stelmach
Cardinal	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Laing	Tarchuk
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	McFarland	Woloshyn
Dunford	Melchin	Yankowsky
Evans	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Fischer	Pham	

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended in section 11, in the proposed section 13, by adding the following after subsection (1):

- (1.1) Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council makes a regulation under subsection (1)(c), it shall ensure that any valuation of real property is required to be completed by 2 appraisers who are not employees of the Crown.
- (1.2) Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council makes a regulation under subsection (1)(d), it shall ensure that any valuation of assets is required to be completed by 2 financial advisors who are not employees of the Crown.

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 9

Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
MacDonald	Olsen	White

Against the amendment: 29

Boutilier	Hancock	Renner
Broda	Herard	Shariff
Calahasen	Hierath	Stelmach
Cardinal	Hlady	Stevens
Day	Laing	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Woloshyn
Evans	Melchin	Yankowsky
Fischer	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Fritz	Pham	

Debate continued.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended in section 13 in the proposed section 15(1) by striking out:

5 years

and substituting:

2 years

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 10

Carlson	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Olsen	Soetaert
MacDonald	Sapers	White
Massey		

Against the amendment: 29

Boutilier	Fritz	Renner
Broda	Hancock	Shariff
Calahasen	Hierath	Stelmach
Cardinal	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Laing	Tarchuk
Day	Langevin	Taylor
Doerksen	McFarland	Woloshyn
Dunford	Melchin	Yankowsky
Evans	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Fischer	Pham	

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 11:59 p.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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 30 (Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 839/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 840/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 841/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 842/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 843/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 844/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 845/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 846/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 847/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 848/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 849/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 850/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 851/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 852/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 853/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 854/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 855/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 856/99

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 857/99

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 858/99

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 859/99

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 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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 28 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on May 12, 1999) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 860/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:59 a.m. Thursday, May 13, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 2,664 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Fact sheet entitled “MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Farm Assessment Review Committee: Public Consultation and Report Expenses, June 1997 - Present,” in response to questions raised in Oral Question Period on May 11, 1999, by Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning
Sessional Paper 861/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter dated April 27, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Mr. John Flynn, Executive Secretary, Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association, in response to an April 7, 1999 letter regarding World Catholic Education Day to be celebrated on May 13, 1999, and expressing support for the role Catholic schools play in communities
Sessional Paper 862/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

News release dated May 12, 1999, entitled “Klein Goes NDP (New Democrat Party) says WSGA,” produced by the Western Stock Growers' Association (WSGA)
Sessional Paper 863/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated May 13, 1999, entitled "Heritage celebrated on International Museums Day," to be celebrated on May 18, 1999, with attached backgrounder entitled "Alberta's provincially-operated museums, historic sites and interpretive centers," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 864/99

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

Alberta Justice Positive Workplace Program entitled "It's About Respect, It's About You! Respect in the Workplace Workshop Participant Guide," produced by Alberta Justice

Sessional Paper 865/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated May 12, 1999, from Mr. Bill Smith, Mayor of Edmonton, to Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, reiterating concerns discussed on May 4, 1999 with Mr. Jim Penrod, General Manager, Emergency Response Department, City of Edmonton, relating to Bill 22, Health Professions Act, as also personally supported

Sessional Paper 866/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

20 proposed amendments dated April 26, 1999, to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 867/99

3 letters dated April 29, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions from the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 868/99

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

News release dated November 13, 1998, entitled "Doug Mitchell appointed Chair of the Alberta Economic Development Authority"

Sessional Paper 869/99

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

11 proposed amendments dated May 13, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 870/99

Proposed amendment dated May 10, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, relating to section 1(2)(a), proposing to strike out “are authorized” and substituting “that are authorized”

Sessional Paper 871/99

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

Article entitled “A Cost Benefit Analysis of Manitoba’s Integrated Dutch Elm Disease Management Program: 1975-1990,” written by A.R. Westwood, Forestry Branch, Manitoba Natural Resources, dated 1991

Sessional Paper 872/99

Fact sheet entitled “Great Falls, Montana, Actual Dutch Elm Disease Program, Removal and Replanting Costs Since 1987; Model Dutch Elm Disease Program Removal and Replanting Costs Since 1987; Comparison of Actual and Model Dutch Elm Disease Program Costs Since 1987,” information presented by Jon Thompson, Urban Forester, Great Falls, Montana, dated April 15, 1998

Sessional Paper 873/99

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

Office of the Ombudsman, 32nd Annual Report for the Period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 874/99

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

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 875/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement recognizing National Police Week, coinciding with Alberta Crime Prevention Week, May 8-15, 1999, in support of crime prevention efforts and the valuable role played by Alberta’s police officers.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement regarding the “Hang Up On Fraud” second annual two-day telephone campaign held in Edmonton and Calgary to raise public awareness of methods consumers can protect themselves from telemarketing fraud, coinciding with Crime Prevention Week, May 8-15, 1999.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, read a poem written by local organizers and poets, Caren Hochstein and Patti Lively, and issued an invitation to a Pincher Creek gathering celebrating 118 years of cowboy heritage and poetry to be held on June 17, 1999.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the March West reenactment recognizing the 125 year anniversary of the R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) service, with festivities in celebration at the end of the trail for the northern portion to be held in Fort Saskatchewan on July 23-25, 1999.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 17 to May 20, 1999:

Monday, May 17	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 39
		Third Reading
		Bills 30, 24, 34, 12, 26, 32, 37, 7
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 31, 22, 23, 25, 35, 39
		Third Reading
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 18 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bills 39, 35, 37
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper
Third Reading
Bills 35, 37, 32, 25, 7
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 19 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper based on
progress Monday and Tuesday
And as per Order Paper
Third Reading
Bills 35, 37, 32, 25, 7
As per Order Paper based on
progress Monday and Tuesday
- Thursday, May 20 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper based on
progress Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday
Third Reading
Bills 35, 37, 32, 25, 7
And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve the continuation of the following enactments:

- (a) section 33 of the Agricultural Societies Act,
- (b) section 2 of the Feeder Associations Guarantee Act,
- (c) sections 3 and 30 of the Rural Electrification Loan Act,
- (d) section 2 of the Rural Electrification Long Term Financing Act, and
- (e) sections 32 and 33 of the Rural Utilities Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Second Reading

On the motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow for Second reading consideration of Bill 39, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.

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

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Dr. Taylor on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Dr. Taylor on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Third Reading

On the motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow for Third reading consideration of Bill 39, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Mr. Ducharme

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Mr. Doerksen

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Jacques

Bill 39 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Dr. Taylor on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 876/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 877/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, May 17, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 17, 1999

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 168 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 490 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 590 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 654 Albertans requesting the inclusion of midwifery services in the publicly funded health care system.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from over 500 Albertans requesting the inclusion of midwifery services in the publicly funded health care system.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 106 Albertans expressing opposition to racism and all other forms of discrimination, and requesting public education programs to promote human rights in Alberta.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 375 Albertans requesting legislation banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ119 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

What information is publicly available on the interest rate on the loan between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation for the period March 28, 1991 to February 16, 1999?

Sessional Paper 878/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ130 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

What information is publicly available on the amount of interest that has accrued on the Government's loan to Centennial Food Corporation between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999?

Sessional Paper 879/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ131 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

What information is publicly available on the amount of participation payments received by the Government between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999 under its loan agreement with Centennial Food Corporation?

Sessional Paper 880/99

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Response to Written Question No. WQ171 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

What provisions have been made by the Alberta Treasury Branches to ensure that an adequate supply of currency will be available to Albertans who decide to withdraw their deposits because of concerns resulting from potential Y2K (Year 2000) problems?

Sessional Paper 881/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR116 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

Sessional Paper 882/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR120 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

Sessional Paper 883/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR121 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

Sessional Paper 884/99

Responses to questions raised during Committee of Supply debate, Department of Treasury, 1999-2000 Budget Estimates

Sessional Paper 885/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ4 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 *for primary highway maintenance activities for the winter months (November to March)*?

Sessional Paper 886/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ24 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for *primary* highway maintenance activities for the summer months (April to October)?

Sessional Paper 887/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ34 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance *with respect to supervision, inspections and audit*?

Sessional Paper 888/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question No. WQ42 asked for by Dr. Pannu on March 17, 1999:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for each of the school boards in the Province?

Sessional Paper 889/99

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

Letter, undated, from Hon. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, in response to a December 7, 1998 letter regarding human rights violations and the need for democratic reform in Burma

Sessional Paper 890/99

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

The National Child Benefit: A Partnership between the Government of Canada and Provincial/Territorial Governments, information package including: Progress Report 1999, pamphlet, fact sheet, question and answer sheet

Sessional Paper 891/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated May 14, 1999, from Amy Poon to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the closure of Stratford Academic High School due to a lack of funding allocation to education

Sessional Paper 892/99

Strategic Strike Policy, dated May 1998, prepared by the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta

Sessional Paper 893/99

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

Open letter dated September 2, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, regarding acceptable pine shake manufacturers

Sessional Paper 894/99

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

6 letters from Edson, Jasper, and Hinton residents to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, expressing concerns regarding the current lack of funding allocation to education, and requesting an increase in the education funding levels

Sessional Paper 895/99

E-mail message dated May 15, 1999, from Annabel and Bob Brophy to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concerns regarding the current lack of funding allocation to education, requesting an increase in the education funding levels, and detailing specific issues relating to a lack of funding at Velma E. Baker Elementary School

Sessional Paper 896/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mr. Lougheed, Chairperson, Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, providing Council members with proposed amendments to Bill 32, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 897/99

18 proposed amendments dated May 3-12, 1999, to Bill 32, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999, with attached transcripts of debate and votes on the amendments

Sessional Paper 898/99

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

10 proposed amendments dated May 17, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 899/99

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

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Shirley-Anne Reuben, Tax Committee, Inglewood Community Association, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting the full disclosure of information relating to property tax assessments in Calgary

Sessional Paper 900/99

Letter dated May 11, 1999, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Shirley-Anne Reuben, Tax Committee, Inglewood Community Association, in response to an April 29, 1999 letter offering information to address concerns regarding property tax assessments in Calgary

Sessional Paper 901/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated May 4, 1999, from Claudia C. Read and B. Christopher Read to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions from the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 902/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Karen England to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 903/99

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: International Museums Day, May 18, 1999.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: homelessness in the Calgary-Buffalo constituency and recent efforts to assist five homeless individuals.

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Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Jock Fyfe, William Young and Al Alseth for humanitarian efforts during the 1949 Berlin Airlift operation to provide essential food and supplies by air transport.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Frank Tymko, scholarship fund founder for students requiring financial assistance to continue their education.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 60th anniversary of the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary, May 8, 1999, and the organization's new name: Boys and Girls Club of Community Services.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: graduates of the Yellowhead Tribal Council's Criminal Justice Program, and the efforts of Anna Demchuk and Seaneen O'Rourke.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

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)

Adjournment

On motion by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the Committee recessed at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 22, Health Profession Act, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House, requested and received the unanimous consent of the committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 11:59 p.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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

Amendment to Bill 23 (Sections A, C and E) (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane on May 10, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 904/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 905/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 906/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 907/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 908/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
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- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 910/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 911/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 912/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 913/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 914/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 915/99
- Amendment to Bill 31 (four amendments) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 916/99
- Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 918/99
- Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 25 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 919/99
- Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 920/99
- Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 921/99
- Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 922/99
- Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 923/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 924/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 925/99

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Letter dated May 14, 1999, from Arlene J. Kwasniak, Staff Counsel, Environmental Law Centre, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing support for Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, but detailing one reservation regarding public access for recreational purposes

Sessional Paper 917/99

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, moved the Bill be amended in Schedule 21 in section 8(1)(a) by adding:

, "non-regional hospital or private hospital"

after:

"hospital".

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: 10

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici		

Against the amendment: 30

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Havelock	Melchin
Cao	Hlady	Oberg
Coutts	Jacques	Renner
Doerksen	Johnson	Shariff
Dunford	Klapstein	Stelmach
Fischer	Laing	Stevens
Friedel	Lund	Woloshyn
Fritz	Mar	Yankowsky
Graham	McClellan	Zwozdesky

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 926/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 927/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 928/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 929/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 930/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 931/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 932/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 933/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 934/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 935/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 936/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 937/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 938/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 939/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 940/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 941/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

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 41 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 235 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 75 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 3,234 Albertans expressing support for legislation to halt the harvesting of grizzly bears in Alberta.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, presented a petition from 34 High Prairie residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 60 Medicine Hat residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 154 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 196 Devon residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 177 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 strongly condemn racism and all other forms of discrimination; sensitize and educate its own officers and members to human rights; urge the Government to include: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act, and other related materials in the school curriculum; and take other necessary steps to promote human rights in Alberta.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals so that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 19, 1999:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR181 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 21, 1999:

The minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 1998, organized and chaired by the Alberta Government's Chief Information Officer and attended by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services and over 60 senior representatives from key public and private sector organizations to discuss the potential impacts of Y2K (Year 2000) computer and equipment problems on essential services.

Sessional Paper 942/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR117 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Summaries of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

Sessional Paper 943/99

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

Response of the Government of Alberta to the Final Report, Alberta Summit on Justice, dated May 1999, produced by Alberta Justice

Sessional Paper 944/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from 34 members of Court and Prisoner Services to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding negative comments made by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, directed at the organization

Sessional Paper 945/99

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

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, to Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, and President of PNWER (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region), in recognition of his outstanding contribution as President of PNWER since 1997 and the important role of the organization

Sessional Paper 946/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 947/99

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Three Year Business Plan
(99/00 - 01/02)
Sessional Paper 948/99

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 1997-98, for the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998
Sessional Paper 949/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Long Term Care Review: Summary of Consultations With Public, November 1998 to March 1999, produced by the Policy Advisory Committee of the Long Term Care Review
Sessional Paper 950/99

Long Term Care Review Proceedings: Summary of Consultations With Experts, January to March 1999, produced by the Policy Advisory Committee of the Long Term Care Review
Sessional Paper 951/99

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Strengthening Our Future: A Report on Actions Youth are Taking to Combat Social Problems, written by Travis Dhanraj
Sessional Paper 952/99

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

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from James Burke, Canadian Injured Workers Alliance Representative for Alberta, Alberta Network of Injured Workers, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, requesting a public inquiry into the Workers' Compensation Board due to serious violation and contravention of the Workers' Compensation Act relating to a systematic "off loading" of claim costs from victims of workplace accidents to the tax payer funded system
Sessional Paper 953/99

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

Fax dated January 14, 1992, from Bruce Allen, Safety Standards, Work and Safety Standards Division, Alberta Labour, to Rob Wellwood and Leo Regnier, Forestry, Alberta Research Council, regarding meetings to discuss standards for pine shake manufacturing

Sessional Paper 954/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated May 11, 1999, from Shirley Tajcnar, Kananaskis Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, submitting petition sheets regarding the future of Kananaskis Country relating to a need for protection from any further commercial or industrial development, and requesting the release of the results of the Praxis public consultation process

Sessional Paper 955/99

8 letters dated April 28, 1999 to May 5, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions from the public

Sessional Paper 956/99

Spreadsheet entitled "Total Residual Value," detailing residual values in millions of dollars for: Alberta Power Limited - Genco, Edmonton Power Generation Inc., and TransAlta Utilities - Genco

Sessional Paper 957/99

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

A Proposal for Private Workers' Compensation Insurance in Alberta, dated October 1998, produced by the Insurance Bureau of Canada

Sessional Paper 958/99

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

Statistical report prepared by physicians and nurses of Alberta outlining the benefits of bicycle helmet usage

Sessional Paper 959/99

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

Fact sheet dated May 17, 1999, entitled "User Fee Taxes: The Evolution of a Provincial Treasurer?" detailing quotes attributed to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 960/99

Fact sheet dated April 28, 1999, entitled "Kudos to the Minister of Education and Minister of Health from Stockwell Day," detailing quotes attributed to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 961/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Motions for Returns MR12 and MR13 required to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by Day 44

Sessional Paper 962/99

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

News release dated May 13, 1999, entitled "Continued quality at University of Calgary unsustainable without new resources, say University academic administrators," with attached report entitled "Our Faltering Future: University of Calgary Faculty Association, Report on Department Head Survey," produced by the University of Calgary Faculty Association

Sessional Paper 963/99

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Jerry Pitts to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, granting permission to table attached correspondence exchanged with Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, relating to difficulties experienced in seeking health care services to meet his wife's medical needs, and in particular the serious shortfalls at the Tom Baker Cancer Clinic

Sessional Paper 964/99

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

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from Richard Watkins, Director, Energy Advisors Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 965/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Clayton H. Woitas, President, Renaissance Energy Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 966/99

Letter dated May 14, 1999, from Greg Noval, President, Canadian 88 Energy Corp., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 967/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Rick Burton, Chairman, Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 968/99

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from David Wildman, President, Western Stock Growers' Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 969/99

Letter dated April 19, 1999, from Clayton Curry, Square Deal Ranch, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier; Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection; Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar; and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 970/99

Speaker's Statement — Address to the Assembly

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to alter the Daily Routine to allow for Daniel Novak, grade ten student and Legislative Assembly Page, to deliver his prize winning speech of the 5th annual Speaker's Cup Page Speech Competition, to the Assembly. The Speaker welcomed and invited Daniel Novak onto the floor of the Assembly, who spoke on "How can the Commonwealth assist in the protection and development of national and regional cultures in the face of increasingly globalized communications and entertainment." The Speaker thanked Daniel who then left the Chamber.

As well, the Speaker recognized the efforts of Simone Godbout, retiring Alberta Legislative Assembly Head Page who would be serving as Page with the House of Commons in the Fall, and also recognized the exemplary efforts of all the Pages.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the "Northeast Cares: Open Your Heart - Lend a Hand" Conference held in Calgary on March 13, 1999, and recognizing youth speaker Travis Dhanraj for efforts towards seeking solutions on the issue of child poverty.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the need to provide the medicare program of midwifery services through the publicly funded health care system, as campaigned for by Sandra Botting who passed away recently.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the enhancement of national pride, community values and appreciation for citizen rights and privileges through the singing of Canada's National Anthem in elementary schools on a daily basis.

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 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

At 3:27 Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)
Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, during the International Year of Older Persons and ensuing years, to continue to recognize and support seniors who utilize their knowledge, experience and skills by volunteering with organizations that provide a valuable community service to all ages.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 51

Amery	Graham	Melchin
Broda	Hancock	Nicol
Calahasen	Hlady	O'Neill
Cao	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Johnson	Renner
Carlson	Jonson	Sapers
Clegg	Klapstein	Severtson
Day	Kryczka	Shariff
Dickson	Laing	Sloan
Doerksen	Langevin	Smith
Ducharme	Leibovici	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Evans	MacDonald	Tannas
Fischer	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Marz	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Gibbons	McFarland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 0

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson on behalf of Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly believes that the Bill does not meet the needs of either the grazing leaseholders or the energy industry and could lead to unnecessary conflict.

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

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: 10

Blakeman
Carlson
Dickson
Gibbons

Leibovici
MacBeth
Nicol

Olsen
Sapers
Soetaert

Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Jacques	Melchin
Broda	Johnson	O'Neill
Cao	Jonson	Paszkowski
Clegg	Klapstein	Renner
Day	Kryczka	Severtson
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Langevin	Strang
Evans	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	Trynchy
Fritz	Marz	West
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hancock		

The question for Third reading of Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 7 agreed to by the Assembly on February 23, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

FALL SITTING

NOVEMBER 17, 1999 TO DECEMBER 8, 1999

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

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 Members: Mr. Butler, Hon. Member for Hanna-Oyen, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on November 4, 1999; and Mr. Laurence Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, 1989 to 1997, and Leader of the Official Opposition, 1988 to 1994, who passed away on November 6, 1999.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 243 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,641 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 226 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 70 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 62 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 73 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 67 Calgary residents requesting increased funding and support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 73 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 76 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 72 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 65 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 73 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 68 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 66 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 317 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 74 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 72 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 80 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 64 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 71 Calgary residents requesting increased funding and support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Mrs. 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 hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Notices of Motions

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 to prevent the further privatization of health care in Alberta by placing a 180 day moratorium on any new or expanded private health care facilities in Alberta until the Government brings in legislation banning private, for-profit hospitals.

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, in light of the refusal by Calgary Herald management to negotiate a fair first collective agreement with its unionized employees, urges the Government and the Liberal Opposition to cancel its subscriptions to the Calgary Herald for the duration of the current dispute, and directs the Legislative Assembly Office to do the same.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a question of privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15(5).

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 40 Health Information Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson on behalf of Ms Graham
- Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin
- Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day on behalf of Ms Graham

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

- Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin
- Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated September 28, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Hon. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada, expressing concerns regarding the tragic human rights situation and suppression of democracy in Burma

Sessional Paper 971/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Watering Down the Milk: Women Coping on Alberta's Minimum Wage, A Report by the Calgary Status of Women Action Committee, dated February 1999
Sessional Paper 972/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Article dated March 13, 1997, entitled "Costs of Care and Administration at For-profit and Other Hospitals in the United States," written by Steffie Woolhandler, M.D., M.P.H., and David U. Himmelstein, M.D.
Sessional Paper 973/99

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR14 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 24, 1999:

Copies of *summary* reports and comparisons of the costs and/or benefits of the *outsourcing of primary* highway maintenance *completed since January 1, 1994*.
Sessional Paper 974/99

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

Statement entitled "Expression of Regret" including a quote from a November 2, 1999 news conference on the settlement of the sterilization cases
Sessional Paper 975/99

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

Report entitled "An Initiative Addressing the Needs and Rights of Alberta's Nursing Home Residents," produced by FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare)
Sessional Paper 976/99

Draft Privacy Code entitled "National Physician Workshop: On the Privacy of Health Information," produced by the Canadian Medical Association
Sessional Paper 977/99

Implication of Bill C-54 on Medical Information: An Analysis of the Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry by the Ontario Ministry of Health Concerning Bill C-54 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act)
Sessional Paper 978/99

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the National Conference on Health Information held in Edmonton, February 9-10, 1998, with attached response dated March 17, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, in reply to a request to hold public hearings on the rules and laws governing personal health information

Sessional Paper 979/99

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Internet web page summarizing survey results to a question regarding payment of legal fees incurred by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, due to an allegation of defamation

Sessional Paper 980/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services, dated November 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 981/99

Final Report of the Long Term Care Review: Final Report of the Policy Advisory Committee entitled "Healthy Aging: New Directions for Care" and "Future Scenarios: Continuing Care Service Needs in Alberta," dated November 1999

Sessional Paper 982/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Fact sheet entitled "What do we want? Why do we want it? Support us in our struggle to save quality journalism and ensure a fair workplace for all. Don't buy the Herald," produced by the Graphic Communications International Union Local 34M, and Communications Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada Local 115A

Sessional Paper 983/99

Globe and Mail newspaper article dated November 10, 1999, entitled "Shame on Southam," written by Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 984/99

Future of Medicare: Recovering the Canada Health Act, produced by Monique Bégin, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Health Sciences and MHA Programme, Faculty of Administration, University of Ottawa, dated September 1999

Sessional Paper 985/99

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

Letter dated September 27, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, regarding WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) concerns expressed by workers and employers with proposed solutions

Sessional Paper 986/99

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Senate Nominee Election, Monday, October 19, 1998

Sessional Paper 987/99

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 1998-99

Sessional Paper 988/99

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

Letter dated October 21, 1999, from George Rondeau to Dr. Graeme Dowling, Chief Medical Examiner, requesting a public fatality inquiry into his son Curtis's death on February 20, 1998, as a result of an oilfield construction accident

Sessional Paper 989/99

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

Letter dated August 20, 1999, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting the establishment of an independent public inquiry relating to WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) issues

Sessional Paper 990/99

Letter dated September 8, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, in response to concerns expressed relating to the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board)

Sessional Paper 991/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 1998-99, entitled "Building on the Vision"

Sessional Paper 992/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Photographs of the D. Booth homestead dated May 7, 1999 depicting the regional landfill

Sessional Paper 993/99

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

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 994/99

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

Chief Electoral Officer, Twenty-second Annual Report, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the Calendar Year 1998

Sessional Paper 995/99

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 - Alberta, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 996/99

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

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner into Allegations Involving Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer and Member for Red Deer-North, produced by the Office of the Ethics Commissioner, dated November 15, 1999

Sessional Paper 997/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement on behalf of the Government Caucus expressing condolences to the Decore family in recognition of the many contributions of the former Member Mr. Laurence Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, 1989 to 1997, and Leader of the Official Opposition, 1988 to 1994, who passed away on November 6, 1999.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, also expressed condolences and commented on Mr. Laurence Decore's political contributions.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to comment on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement on behalf of the Government Caucus expressing condolences to the Butler family in recognition of the many contributions of the former Member Mr. Butler, Hon. Member for Hanna-Oyen, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on November 4, 1999.

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Steering Committee members of the International Year of Older Persons and the ACT (Association of Commercial Travellers) Celebration Garden.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Family Violence Month, November 1999, and supporting agencies, community groups, organizations, staff and volunteers.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Rattlers Women's Soccer Team, National Championship silver medal recipients.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare) supporting members.

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Farm Family Award winners at Farm Fair International, November 13, 1999.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Calgary General Hospital's many years of public service to Albertans.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: eleventh Alberta Seniors Games held in the communities of Olds and Didsbury, July 25-28, 1999.

Privilege

Oral notice having been given under Notices of Motions, Wednesday, November 17, 1999, and pursuant to Standing Order 15(5), Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege regarding a Calgary Herald private security guard's entry into the Legislative Building earlier that day. He felt that the guard's presence in the building without explicit permission being granted constituted a serious breach of the Assembly's privileges.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, commented on the public security issue which he stated had been addressed earlier.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would consult with Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and may advise the Assembly at a later date if required.

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 to prevent the further privatization of health care in Alberta by placing a 180 day moratorium on any new or expanded private health care facilities in Alberta until the Government brings in legislation banning private, for-profit hospitals.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, in light of the refusal by Calgary Herald management to negotiate a fair first collective agreement with its unionized employees, urges the Government and the Liberal Opposition to cancel its subscriptions to the Calgary Herald for the duration of the current dispute, and directs the Legislative Assembly Office to do the same.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Speaker's Statement

Last Saturday, November 13 in this Assembly, the 418, that is the City of Edmonton squadron standard, was laid up in the Legislature rotunda. The background that I give you is that when you walk out of these doors later in the day you will see something to the left of you, and I want to provide what this was all about. This squadron, that is, the City of Edmonton 418, had a distinguished record of service in war and in peace. It was formed in England in November of 1941. The 418 was involved in air operation until the war's end. Their wartime exploits were absolutely remarkable. On 3,492 sorties, squadron 418 destroyed 178 Nazi aircraft. Sixteen of its pilots were aces with five or more enemy aircraft to their credit. This squadron accounted for more Nazi aircraft than any other unit in the Royal Canadian Air Force. They also paid a heavy price. One hundred twenty-five squadron members were killed in action and a further 27 were declared missing in action and presumed dead. In March of 1944, 418 was adopted by the city of Edmonton as many of the ground and air crew were from Edmonton and the surrounding area. The 418 squadron standard is unique. Central to it is the figure of an Inuit hunter. Beneath the Inuit is the motto "Piyautailili" which translates "defend even until death."

The standard is a consecrated symbol of the unit's achievements in war, an expression of the Sovereign's and the nation's gratitude and of the sanctity of the sacrifices given to the cause of freedom. The 418 squadron is laid up at the balustrade to the left as you exit the Chamber, and I'd encourage all hon. Members to take pause and to briefly reflect on its significance as they leave the House later this afternoon. One of the aces of this squadron is a former minister of the Social Credit government who sat on the front benches in this House for a great number of years, Mr. Fred Colborne.

I'm also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ed Richard and Mr. Bill Semple as assistant Sergeants-at-Arms with the Alberta Legislative Assembly. These sessional appointments were made necessary after the retirement of Allen Gowler in May of this year. Mr. Gowler had served as associate Sergeant-at-Arms for over 18 years, and I know that all of you in the next number of days will be able to welcome Bill and Ed to their new responsibilities and wish them well.

In the next number of days, the next number of nights, hon. Members will also notice some new faces at the Table directly in front of me. Jo-An Christiansen, Micheline Gravel, Corinne Dacyshyn, and Diane Shumyla will be spending some time in the Chamber learning the duties of Table Officers. Although new to the Table, they nevertheless have between them a total of 25.95 years of service to the Legislative Assembly Office in various capacities including: Journals and Bills Clerk, Committee Clerk, Procedural Clerk, and Library Technician. It is not to say that any of the current Table Officers are leaving; I just believe that we should have bonafide qualified backup for all of us, and, in the unlikely event that one of the Table Officers is unable to be here with us, we will have dutifully qualified other people. I'm sure hon. Members will also welcome them.

And the last item: hon. Members will note a few changes to today's Order Paper pursuant to recent appointments to Executive Council. Parliamentary authorities provide that a Minister cannot be the sponsor of private Member's business. Thus, following the written request by the hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek and new Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, Motions Other Than Government Motions 573 and 585 which had appeared on the Order Paper under his name have been withdrawn. This leaves Bill Pr. 2, Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, still showing on the Order Paper, also under the new Associate Minister's name. Pursuant to Beauchesne's 1061(1) which states that "it is a recognized principle in Parliament that Ministers should not initiate or promote private bill legislation," and also in keeping with the parliamentary traditions of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, unanimous consent of the Assembly is required to effect a change in the sponsorship of this bill. However, I understand that the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills has some information on the bill which she would like to share with hon. Members.

Mrs. Burgener, Deputy Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, indicated the Committee had received correspondence from the counsel to the petitioners for Bill Pr2, Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, advising that the petitioners wished to withdraw the Bill from the Assembly's business. She then tabled the letter in question:

Letter dated October 22, 1999, from Colleen M. Cebruliuk, from the law firm Fraser Milner, to Ms Shannon Dean, Parliamentary Counsel, Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill Pr2, Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, be withdrawn as the requested changes were no longer required

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Mrs. Burgener requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill Pr2, Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, from the Order Paper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ218, WQ219, WQ220, WQ226, WQ227, WQ231, WQ232, WQ237.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225, MR228, MR229, MR230, MR233, MR234, MR235, MR236, MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241.

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 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)
Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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 Hon. Mr. Woloshyn replace Mr. Renner, that Mr. Clegg replace Mr. Doerksen, and that Ms Haley be appointed Deputy Chair;

on the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Trynchy replace Mr. Pham as Chair;

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Mr. Jacques replace Hon. Mr. Cardinal, and that Mr. Renner replace Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky;

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Cao replace Mr. Ducharme, that Ms Graham replace Mr. Hierath, that Mr. Herard replace Mr. Hlady, that Ms Kryczka replace Mr. Stevens and that Ms Forsyth replace Mr. Melchin;

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Affairs, that Mr. Fischer replace Hon. Mr. Cardinal as Deputy Chair.

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 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) in order to proceed with Second Reading consideration of Bill 42, Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act.

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

Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:40 p.m. until Thursday, November 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, presented a petition from 170 Albertans expressing support for the holding of Senate elections during the province-wide municipal elections in October 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton and area residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 250 Edmonton residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 199 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 496 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 128 Albertans expressing opposition to racism and all other forms of discrimination, and requesting public education programs to promote human rights in Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 714 Albertans requesting the adoption of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child by Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 151 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, presented a petition from 29 Albertans requesting the inclusion of MS (Multiple Sclerosis) drug therapies on the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List.

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, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals so that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals so that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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, given the Government's refusal to treat Alberta's post-secondary students in the same manner it treats its Cabinet Ministers who are taking courses at foreign universities, urges the Government to rectify this inconsistent application of its tuition policy.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 1998-1999, entitled "Embracing Change, Seizing the Future"

Sessional Paper 999/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Alberta Police/Peace Officers' Memorial Day" listing Alberta's fallen officers

Sessional Paper 1000/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question No. WQ58 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What are the reasons for appeal and breakdown of decisions reached in the 485 appeals heard by the Child Welfare Citizen's Appeal Panel during the 1997-98 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 1001/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ59 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What investigations have been completed, or are presently being undertaken, to determine the reasons for the increase in the Child Welfare caseloads from 7,605 in 1993-94 to 11,258 in 1997-98?

Sessional Paper 1002/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ61 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What is the definition of "priority placement" for pregnant women who are at an increased risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child?

Sessional Paper 1003/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Information package of brochures regarding student finance, produced by Human Resources Development Canada, Alberta Learning and Alberta Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 1004/99

News release dated November 12, 1999, entitled "Students Earn Over \$13 Million for Academic Excellence"

Sessional Paper 1005/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Fax dated November 17, 1999, from Don Mayne to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding private for-profit hospitals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1006/99

Transcript of a telephone call, undated, from Theresa Whalen regarding health care

Sessional Paper 1007/99

Copy of agreement entitled "Formal Agreement for the Provision of Ophthalmology Services" between the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA) and Provider

Sessional Paper 1008/99

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

E-mail message dated November 17, 1999, from Gary Simpson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding legislation to allow private for-profit facilities

Sessional Paper 1009/99

E-mail message dated November 18, 1999, from Anne Laurence Mary Giles to Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, regarding proposals for change to Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 1010/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report entitled "Caught in the Middle: Graduate Students and Rising Tuition Levels in Alberta" written and prepared by Arthur Arruda, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta, for the University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association dated October 1999, regarding tuition fee increases

Sessional Paper 1011/99

Excerpt from the 1996-1997 Report of the Auditor General of Alberta entitled "Executive Council: Audit Coverage, Observations and Recommendations"

Sessional Paper 1012/99

Article dated April 28, 1994, entitled "Warnings Sounded Over Gimbel Plan," written by Mark Lisac, Edmonton Journal

Sessional Paper 1013/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Statutory Declaration of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, dated November 2, 1999, in the matter of the Conflict of Interest Act, 1991 Statutes of Alberta. c. D-22.1, and in the matter of a complaint of an alleged contravention of the Conflict of Interest Act by the Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 1014/99

Statement of Defence between Lorne Goddard and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary

Sessional Paper 1015/99

Excerpt entitled "Personal Consumer Expenditures on Medical Care and Health Services in Alberta Per Person (Constant 1992 Dollars)," prepared by Alberta Treasury, Alberta Economic Accounts, dated 1998

Sessional Paper 1016/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News conference summary dated November 17, 1999, presented by the Hon. Allan Rock, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health, Government of Canada, regarding public health care

Sessional Paper 1017/99

Report entitled "Long Term Care Review: Briefing Note and Budget Recommendations," with budget recommendations for the fiscal year 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1018/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Proposed Bill entitled "Tuition Fee Freeze Act"

Sessional Paper 1019/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ124 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many agreements has the Public Trustee entered into during the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, which specify that the Public Trustee will always act as the trustee of an individual notwithstanding that another person has been, or may be, appointed trustee of the individual pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act?

Sessional Paper 1020/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ125 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many applications has the Public Trustee made pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act in the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, to act as trustee for the estate of individuals who, at the time of the Public Trustee's application, had brought legal action against the Government or its agencies in respect of forced sterilizations or other personal injury actions?

Sessional Paper 1021/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ126 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What efforts does the Public Trustee make to locate missing persons whose estates it administers?

Sessional Paper 1022/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ127 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many estates of missing persons does the Public Trustee administer *where the assets of a missing person have been brought to the Public Trustee for administration* and what is the *net book value of the trust accounts held for such missing persons*?

Sessional Paper 1023/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ132 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What administration fees does the Public Trustee charge and how are these fees administered by type of trust?

Sessional Paper 1024/99

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

Letter dated October 7, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation regarding Barry Milne's WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1025/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement recognizing Métis Week in Alberta, and the November 16, 1999 Annual Commemoration by the Métis Nation of Alberta Association in honour of Louis Riel, as well as the cooperative efforts of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association and the Métis Settlements General Council.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated November 1, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding the long-term plan for the Charles Camshell Hospital

Sessional Paper 1026/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement expressing support to re-establish the singing of Canada's National Anthem by Alberta students to promote national pride and respect.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the International Year of Older Persons 1999, the valuable societal contribution of seniors, and the financial difficulties encountered by seniors.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing National Addictions Awareness Week, November 14-20, 1999, promoted by AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) with its campaign themed "Making a Difference, It's Up to Me".

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 22 to November 25, 1999:

Monday, November 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Third Reading
		Bill 42
		Second Reading
		Bills 41, 40
		Third Reading
		Bill 7
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 44, 43, 41, 40, 38
		Third Reading
		Bill 7
		And as per Order Paper

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| Tuesday, November 23 | (4:30) | - | Government Bills and Orders
Government Motions
Government Motion 23
Second Reading
Bill 40
And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 44, 43, 40, 38
Committee of the Whole
Bills 41, 44, 43
Third Reading
Bill 7
And as per Order Paper |
| Wednesday, November 24 | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 44, 43, 40, 38
And as per Order Paper based on progress Monday and Tuesday |
| Thursday, November 25 | Aft. | - | Government Bills and Orders
And as per Order Paper based on progress Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday |

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, given the Government's refusal to treat Alberta's post-secondary students in the same manner it treats its Cabinet Ministers who are taking courses at foreign universities, urges the Government to rectify this inconsistent application of its tuition policy.

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 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 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), debate adjourned, Mr. Bonner speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, November 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 22, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 175 Edmonton and area residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 588 Albertans regarding increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 160 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 148 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,304 Albertans requesting a public inquiry into the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 161 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to:

1. strongly condemn racism and all other forms of discrimination;
2. sensitize and educate its own officers and members to human rights;
3. urge the Government to include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act; and other related materials in the school curriculum; and
4. take other necessary steps to promote human rights in Alberta.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, 26th Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 1027/99

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 1028/99

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 1029/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to Written Question No. WQ47 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What statistics and standards were used to determine that 80% of participants in employment and training initiatives are either off welfare or working and receiving a supplement to their earnings, as outlined in the 1997-98 Family and Social Services Annual Report?

Sessional Paper 1030/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ63 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What are the medical protocols at the Herb Jamieson-Hope Mission Single Men's Hostel?

Sessional Paper 1031/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated August 25, 1999 and July 30, 1999, from Wendy Adams and Caroline Wieser to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting public consultations before proceeding with the Bill

Sessional Paper 1032/99

49 letters dated August 13, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the Director of Northern East Slope Region, Alberta Environment Regulatory Approvals Centre, expressing concerns regarding Smoky River Coals extension of Pit B2 (12 letters), protection of the Bighorn Country (13 letters), protection of Chinchaga (11 letters), and protection of Alberta's Foothills Natural Region (13 letters)

Sessional Paper 1033/99

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

Letter dated September 13, 1999, from Roy and Vi Adolf, as parents of a person with developmental disabilities, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requesting a reconsideration of proposed changes affecting the quality of life for AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients

Sessional Paper 1034/99

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

Letter dated September 27, 1999, from Joanne Moore to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, with attached 31 signatures expressing support for chiropractic care and massage therapy as pain reduction methods for people with chronic pain such as fibromyalgia and arthritis, and requesting these services to be fully covered by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 1035/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services:

Real Estate Council of Alberta, Annual Report July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1036/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

E-mail dated August 31, 1999, from William Dascavich to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, with attached letter dated August 26, 1999, from Marie Dmytriw, Recording Secretary, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, advising of a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of District Four of the Alberta Council on Aging, August 25, 1999, relating to the public funding of public long-term care or assisted living facilities

Sessional Paper 1037/99

Letter dated October 24, 1999, from Mrs. Janet Wilson, Chairperson, Afton School Council, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding the present lack of funding for education

Sessional Paper 1038/99

Letter dated September 1, 1999, from Mayor Carol Trider, Village of Vilna; Emile Pelletier, Deputy Mayor; and Ray Melendez-Duke, Councilor, to Vilna residents, rural Albertan communities, and elected officials expressing disappointment with the closure of Our Lady's Health Centre, with attached factsheet

Sessional Paper 1039/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Article dated November 20, 1999, entitled "HRG Health Resource Group, Inc., and NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement)" submitted by Colleen Fuller

Sessional Paper 1040/99

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

Letter dated October 6, 1999, from Inky Mark, M.P. (Member of Parliament) and Chief Opposition Critic of Canadian Heritage, to registered Canadian charities regarding Private Member's Bill C-312 "An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act" based on registered charities and not-for-profit groups deserving the same tax credit advantage to raise money as federal political parties, with attached petition form

Sessional Paper 1041/99

Letter dated November 18, 1999, from M. Gordon Inglis to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed changes to the Health Act which incorporate health care privatization initiatives such as allowing private hospitals

Sessional Paper 1042/99

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

Article dated November 21, 1999, entitled "Public Disclosure of Contracts with Private Health Providers: Section 15 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FOIP Act"), prepared by Mr. Dickson, FOIP Critic, with attached background schedules

Sessional Paper 1043/99

Article dated June 1999, entitled "Understanding the Health Care Needs of Canadian Immigrants: Report Submitted to the Prairie Centre for Excellence on Immigration and Integration," prepared by David E. Young, Denise L. Spitzer, and Florence Pang

Sessional Paper 1044/99

Letter dated November 5, 1999, from Elizabeth Denham, Information and Privacy Coordinator, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, in response to a request for the opinion survey and report on the perception of interpretation needs of CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority), with attached related materials

Sessional Paper 1045/99

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

Fax dated November 17, 1999, from Don Mayne to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private, for-profit hospitals and clinics in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1046/99

ASTech Awards 1999: Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards, 10th Annual Gala Program

Sessional Paper 1047/99

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

Letter dated October 13, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 3) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1048/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 letters dated June 28, 1999, from Pumphouse Theatres Society Board of Directors, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the level of arts funding in Alberta and requesting a 50% funding increase to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 1049/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Growing Up: Applying Alberta's Advantage to Children, Submission to Alberta Children's Forum by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, dated October 1999

Sessional Paper 1050/99

Toronto Report Card on Children 1999, produced by Toronto Children's Services
Sessional Paper 1051/99

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

Letter dated October 19, 1999, from Pierre Stephane Salerno to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting a refund of a payment made for a math and sciences textbook purchased for his daughter Sandra

Sessional Paper 1052/99

Letter dated September 21, 1999, from Cam McDonald, Nursing Instructor, Grant MacEwan Community College, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding time spent fund raising by school councils and a possible solution if schools were granted the ability to staff photo radar under the control of policing authorities

Sessional Paper 1053/99

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

Giving Away...The Alberta Advantage: Are Albertans Receiving Maximum Revenue From Our Oil and Gas?, report produced by the Parkland Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, dated November 1999

Sessional Paper 1054/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Globe and Mail newspaper article dated November 19, 1999, entitled "Why we need a dose of private medicine: Alberta's small step a giant leap for Canada, says former head of OMA (Ontario Medical Association)," written by William Orován

Sessional Paper 1055/99

Recognitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: ASTech Awards 1999 - Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards, 10th Annual celebration held October 22, 1999 in Calgary.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: opening of the Beaulieu Gardens on the site of the Lougheed residence in downtown Calgary, September 12, 1999.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Alberta College and Technical Institute Students' Executive Council (ACTISEC) November 18, 1999 rally to raise awareness of rising tuition costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Calgary Reads: An Early Literacy Initiative, a community project developed by the Junior League of Calgary in collaboration with the Calgary Board of Education.

Speaker's Ruling — Question of Privilege Raised by the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona

Last Wednesday, November 17, 1999, the honourable Member for Edmonton Strathcona raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15(5). The event giving rise to this question of privilege occurred sometime just before the noon hour that day. Therefore, the two hour written requirement of Standing Order 15(2) could not be met. The Chair finds that this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity.

The event, as described by the Member for Edmonton Strathcona, was that a replacement reporter for the Calgary Herald was escorted in the Legislature Building by a person the Member calls "a bodyguard". The purported question of privilege is that the person's presence in the Legislature Building somehow breached the privileges of the Assembly or is a contempt of the House.

As the Chair understands the matter, the Government House Leader, who is also the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and responsible for the security staff of the Building as distinct from the Assembly, indicated that when the security staff were advised of the "bodyguard's" presence, they advised that individual that it was not appropriate to be performing his duties in the Building and he left.

The responsibility for the security of the Building does not lie with the Speaker but the Department of Justice and Attorney General. The Assembly's jurisdiction is over the precincts which includes part of the Legislature Building and the Legislature Annex. However, it is important to observe that, as Joseph Maingot states in *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition) at p. 171, "It is the function of the precincts that is "sacred" and not its location."

The Chair wants to make very clear that the individual did not enter the Assembly, but only the Building, and to the Chair's knowledge, there was no effect on the proceedings of the Assembly.

The Chair notes that this is an interesting twist on what may be seen as a more familiar purported question of privilege where someone is denied access to the Legislature Building. Perhaps if this person had been denied access to the Building, instead of being admitted, someone might be making just that case. To the Chair's knowledge, usually Legislatures and Parliaments do not come under criticism for allowing people in.

In any event, there is no right to have access to either the Building, security for which is provided by a branch of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, or the galleries of the Assembly. In this case, the admission of the individual to the Building was in keeping with normal practices. While no one has a right to enter this or any other public building, the tendency is to allow admission whenever possible.

If the Chair may be allowed to express a view, and keeping in mind that the Chair does not exercise authority over the Building security, only the Assembly and its precincts, it is the Chair's profound hope that the presence of any visitor in this Building is not ever intended or perceived as being intimidating or threatening. The Chair points out that, in this case, there is no evidence that the individual in question threatened or assaulted anyone.

Whether the person was refused or granted admission to the Building is not a prima facie question of privilege. In the Chair's view, it is likely only where a Member or an Officer of the Assembly is denied access to the precincts that a valid question of privilege would arise. Accordingly, there are no further proceedings on this matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson 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 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Clegg 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 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 173 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 813 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 106 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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 to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 24, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ218, WQ219, WQ220, WQ226, WQ227.

Motions for Returns: MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225, MR228, MR229, MR230, MR235, MR236, MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 221 Government Forecasting and Reporting Act — Mr. Sapers

Bill 222 School (Class Size Limitation) Amendment Act, 1999 — Dr. Massey

Bill 223 Police (Special Constable Safety) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Gordon

Bill 224 School (Principals' Duties) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

Bill 225 Alberta Children's Day Act — Mr. Shariff

Bill 226 Gaming and Liquor (Lottery Fund Oversight) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Wickman

Bill 227 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mr. Gibbons

Bill 228 Fiscal Stabilization Fund Calculation Act — Ms Carlson

Bill 229 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) — Dr. Nicol

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 23, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Wayne Gretzky offering congratulations on his induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame

Sessional Paper 1056/99

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

Letter dated November 23, 1999, from Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, offering congratulations on his 20th anniversary as a Member of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 1057/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to Written Question No. WQ90 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

What is the breakdown of the approximate \$4 million of achievement awards to departmental staff, as outlined in the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Ministry of Family and Social Services?

Sessional Paper 1058/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR53 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since September 1, 1998.

Sessional Paper 1059/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Information Package on Alberta's New Health Information Act, including news release dated November 17, 1999, summary document and guide

Sessional Paper 1060/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Fact sheet dated November 23, 1999, entitled "Child Welfare Statistical Information (As it Relates to Adoption)," statistics presented as of October 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1061/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheet dated September 1, 1999, entitled "IPAC (Institute of Public Administration of Canada) Award for Innovative Management 1999 Winners"

Sessional Paper 1062/99

Quote contained in the fact sheet dated September 1, 1999, entitled "IPAC (Institute of Public Administration of Canada) Award for Innovative Management 1999 Winners" highlighting Alberta Treasury as the recipient of the Silver Award

Sessional Paper 1063/99

Planning the Alberta Advantage: 1999 to 2002, Alberta Government Business Plan Highlights, produced by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 1064/99

Mr. Friedel, Deputy Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Response to Bill 40, Health Information Act, produced by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, dated November 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 1065/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Newspaper articles relating to Edmonton Public Schools appearing in the Journal Star (published in Lincoln, Nebraska), September 19 to 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 1066/99

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2):

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report 1999 entitled "Innovation for the New Millennium"

Sessional Paper 1067/99

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Brochure entitled "Status Quo - Quantum Leap: The Shortest Distance" containing the pamphlet entitled "Innovation Enterprise: The Shortest Distance, Technology Commercialization Office," produced by Alberta Research Council

Sessional Paper 1068/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

7 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the funding of midwifery through Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 1069/99

4 letters dated June 30, 1999 to July 15, 1999 from Albertans to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont; Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow; Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier; Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the current level of arts funding and requesting an increase to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 1070/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 22, 1999, from Rudy and Gertie Meziro to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing dissatisfaction with the attached reply issued by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, regarding a Ministerial Order for the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission (BRWMS)

Sessional Paper 1071/99

Letter dated November 14, 1999, from Margaret Main to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern with the Genesis Land Development Corporation's development in the Spray Lakes area, and requesting a thorough and comprehensive environmental impact assessment before any work is permitted to begin

Sessional Paper 1072/99

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

Brochure entitled "Good Neighbour Fund - CFRN, CTV" providing information relating to the CFRN TV Good Neighbour Fund Society

Sessional Paper 1073/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Memorandum, undated, from Colleen Fuller to John Kolkman, New Democrat Opposition caucus research director, regarding the "carve-out" for health care in relation to HRG (Health Resource Group) and NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement)

Sessional Paper 1074/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated September 23, 1999, from Janet Schwegel, President, ASAC (Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth) regarding over 100 letters collected expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1075/99

5 letters dated April 30, 1999 to June 2, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1076/99

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

122 letters dated November 20, 1999, from Alberta medical students to Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, expressing support for Bill 208, Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act

Sessional Paper 1077/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 draft reports entitled "Profile of Poverty in Mid-sized Alberta Cities," dated August 1999, and "Summary Statistics on Poverty in Selected Alberta Communities," dated September 1999, produced by the Centre for International Statistics, Canadian Council on Social Development

Sessional Paper 1078/99

Fact sheet entitled "Comparison of Child Welfare and Supports for Independence Caseloads," provided by Family and Social Services Annual Reports 1992 to 1999

Sessional Paper 1079/99

Internet web page photograph depicting the "Calgary Varsity P.C. (Progressive Conservative) Executive"

Sessional Paper 1080/99

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

MLA Brief on Public Legal Education and Information (PLEI), produced by PLENA (Public Legal Education Network of Alberta), with attached membership list 1998-99 as of October 20, 1998

Sessional Paper 1081/99

Letter dated November 23, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the exclusion of ambulance services as a custodian, and ambulance operators from the definition of "affiliate" in Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1082/99

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

56 postcards entitled "Be Like Mike" addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, produced by Equal=Alberta in support of equal treatment for all Albertans regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 1083/99

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

Canadian Learning Television brochure entitled "Reinvent Yourself: Initio est demidium facti (Once you've started, you're half way there)"

Sessional Paper 1084/99

Letter dated November 18, 1999, from M. Gordon Inglis to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed Health Act amendments allowing for a movement towards the privatization of health care

Sessional Paper 1085/99

E-mail message dated November 15, 1999, from Joan Leslie to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the \$11,000 charge for the Premier's CTV speech regarding health care

Sessional Paper 1086/99

Question of Privilege

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a question of privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15(1).

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the 4th annual Vic Lewis Band Festival at the Banff Centre, November 12, 1999, celebrating the musical and societal contributions of Mr. Vic Lewis.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the Famous Five Foundation of Calgary for efforts to promote women's equality with the unveiling of five statutes, October 18, 1999 in Calgary, celebrating the Persons Case and other commemorative efforts.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the City of St. Albert's effective municipal government and its unique identity within the capital region promoted by the collaborative efforts of the Capital Region Alliance.

Privilege

Oral notice having been given following Tabling Returns and Reports, Tuesday, November 23, 1999, and pursuant to Standing Order 15(1), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege regarding remarks uttered by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview. He felt the comments the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview had spoken following the tabling by Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's response to Bill 40, Health Information Act, offended the House and brought into question the integrity of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, an Officer of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader; Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands; Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader; Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview; and Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, withdrew the offending comment.

The Speaker stated this was a serious situation and invited further comment from Mrs. Sloan, who apologized for the remarks uttered earlier.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Herard:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite the delivery of multi-department Children's Services programs to operate directly within our school system.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Third 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Wednesday, November 24, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the anniversary of Hon. Mrs. McClellan's election in a by-election in the constituency of Drumheller-Chinook. Recognition was also given to the birthdays being celebrated that day by: Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti; and Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 150 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 57 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for speech language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 116 Albertans requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 455 Edmonton and area residents requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 110 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 120 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry into the complete operations of the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 107 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2):

Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 1087/99

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

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN), Annual Report 1997-98
Sessional Paper 1088/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, cO-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 1998
Sessional Paper 1089/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Universal Health Care book chapter entitled "How Canadians Got Universal Coverage," produced by Armstrong and Fegan, The New Press, 1998
Sessional Paper 1090/99

Excerpt quote on page 235 from "Tommy Douglas," by Doris Shackleton, published by McClelland and Stewart, 1975
Sessional Paper 1091/99

14 postcards entitled "Be Like Mike" addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, produced by Equal=Alberta in support of equal treatment for all Albertans regardless of sexual orientation
Sessional Paper 1092/99

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

Letter dated November 17, 1999, from Dr. Alice Khin, Burma Watch International Director, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding a message from Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi thanking Canadians for their support in the struggle for democracy in Burma
Sessional Paper 1093/99

14 postcards entitled "Be Like Mike" addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, produced by Equal=Alberta in support of equal treatment for all Albertans regardless of sexual orientation
Sessional Paper 1094/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, to Dr. Patricia Bayne, Coordinator of Women's Program and Menopause Clinic, Grey Nuns Hospital, Edmonton, expressing support for information presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Health and Safe Communities, with attached fact sheet entitled "Health of Women: Projects Supported by Alberta Health and Wellness"

Sessional Paper 1095/99

Bibliography detailing materials related to osteoporosis entitled "References"

Sessional Paper 1096/99

Postcards entitled "Be Like Mike" addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, produced by Equal=Alberta in support of equal treatment for all Albertans regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 1097/99

9 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1098/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated September 28, 1999, from Raymond Carifelle to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, with attached petition signed by members of the Peavine Métis Settlement regarding the voluntary registration as Status Indians after November 1, 1990 to continue to remain listed on the Settlement Members List

Sessional Paper 1099/99

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

Letter dated November 5, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 6) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1100/99

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

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Jacquie Eales to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1101/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Paul Miranda to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1102/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Regina Olvera to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1103/99

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

4 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Shauna McLean, Sandi Olsen, Jody Francis, and Maureen Fischer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1104/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Correspondence relating to a 1998 Complaint to the Facilities Review Committee by the Member for Edmonton-Riverview and the Subsequent Investigation by the Provincial Ombudsman, 1998-99, submitted by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, dated November 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 1105/99

Campaign 2000: Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada 1989 - 1999, produced by the Family Service Association of Toronto

Sessional Paper 1106/99

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

Letter dated November 24, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Robert C. Clark, Information and Privacy Commissioner, an analysis of the Commissioner's response to Bill 40, Health Information Act, dated November 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 1107/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Cherilun Michaels to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1108/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Amanda Woodward to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1109/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Danielle Monroe to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1110/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Deanna Geggero to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1111/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Laeonie Ferguson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1112/99

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

Letter dated November 16, 1999, from Caroline Inglis to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Premier's newscast of November 16, 1999, and expressing opposition to health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1113/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Bill Holmes to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Canada Health Plan as introduced by Monique Bégin and passed by the Federal Government in 1984

Sessional Paper 1114/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Article dated August 5, 1999, entitled "The Association between For-profit Hospital Ownership and Increased Medicare Spending," written by Elaine M. Silverman, Jonathan S. Skinner, and Elliott S. Fischer, published in the New England Journal of Medicine

Sessional Paper 1115/99

Petition signed by 4 Edmonton residents requesting the reinstatement of the boundaries for the constituency offices as they were prior to February 11, 1997, or to increase to two the number of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) in each existing constituency

Sessional Paper 1116/99

Letter dated November 12, 1999, from Jim and Rose Hugo to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the plight of the grain producer in Western Canada

Sessional Paper 1117/99

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, tabled the following:

Kingston Whig-Standard newspaper article entitled "Hospital association sees future in business partnerships," written by Sarah Lambert, with attached Globe and Mail newspaper article entitled "Why we need a dose of private medicine: Alberta's small step a giant leap for Canada, says former head of OMA (Ontario Medical Association)," written by William Orovan

Sessional Paper 1118/99

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

Letter dated November 23, 1999, from Michael O'Connor, President, Alberta Chamber of Commerce, expressing support for the Alberta Government's leadership in the area of health care reform with the release of the Health Policy Statement which outlines the principles governing private sector involvement within the publicly funded health care system

Sessional Paper 1119/99

Recognitions

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Museum of the Regiments located in Calgary-Currie for efforts to honour our war dead during a Remembrance Day celebration.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Mature Women's Program at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton, Women's Wellness Action Committee, and the Edmonton Osteoporosis Support Group.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Ms Aung San Suu Kyi, 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, for efforts to promote democracy in Burma.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Sports Central's distribution of sports equipment free of charge to under-privileged children.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ218. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the breakdown of the economic impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 162 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of: the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: real GDP, employment, labour force, unemployment rate, net in-migration, personal disposable income, real consumer spending, corporate profits, and real business investment?

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on the breakdown of the economic impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 162 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of: the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: real GDP, employment, labour force, unemployment rate, net in-migration, personal disposable income, real consumer spending, corporate profits, and real business investment?

WQ219. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How much of the \$35 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2001-02, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the reduction of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on how much of the \$35 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2001-02, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the reduction of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate tax?

WQ220. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How much of the \$20 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2000-01, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax and how much is from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on how much of the \$20 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2000-01, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax and how much is from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget?

WQ226. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the breakdown of the fiscal impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: personal income tax, corporate income tax, other direct taxes, fuel and indirect taxes, federal transfers, other transfers, direct fiscal impact and revenue recovery?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on the breakdown of the fiscal impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: personal income tax, corporate income tax, other direct taxes, fuel and indirect taxes, federal transfers, other transfers, direct fiscal impact and revenue recovery?

WQ227. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How much of the revenue recovery or economic offset projected in Year 5, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset projected in Year 5, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ231, WQ232, WQ237, WQ242, WQ243, WQ244, WQ245, WQ246, WQ247, WQ252, WQ254, WQ255.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR221. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the February 10, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR222. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 18, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR223. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 11, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR224. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 31, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR225. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 17, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR228. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the March 2, 1994 letters from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR229. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 28, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR230. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the minutes and agenda from the June 27, 1995 meeting of the Provincial Cabinet, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier, relating to the discussion on the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR235. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the agenda and minutes from the March 21, 1994, meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier, relating to the discussion on the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR236. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the February 9, 1993, letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR233, MR234, MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241, MR248, MR249, MR250, MR251, MR253.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1999 — 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Thursday, November 25, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 25, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the birthday of Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 150 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 107 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 540 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 115 Albertans and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 229 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Newsletter dated November 1999, entitled "Status Report, The Quarterly Newsletter on Disability Issues in Alberta," produced by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 1120/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated November 25, 1999, from Jim Kuzyk to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a resolution protesting the move to private for-profit hospitals in Alberta which was passed by the 39 Alberta Council on Aging Members on November 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 1121/99

3 letters dated November 22, 1999, from Lenden Zacharchenko, Kaitlen Pawluk, and T. Hedge expressing concerns regarding universal health care access in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1122/99

E-mail message dated November 25, 1999, from Michael M. Rachlis, MD, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, outlining the business case against for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 1123/99

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Brochure entitled "Women Break the Silence About Abuse and Violence," recreated by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs

Sessional Paper 1124/99

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

Pamphlet dated 1999 entitled "Research Works," prepared by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and External Affairs), University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1125/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

"Submission for the Provincial and Regional Persons With Developmental Disabilities Boards within Alberta," dated Fall 1999, presented by the Alberta Official Opposition, Mrs. Sloan, Alberta Liberal Critic for Family and Social Services

Sessional Paper 1126/99

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

Letter dated October 25, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford,
Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation
(evidence package 5) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim
Sessional Paper 1127/99

Oral Question Period

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

E-mail message dated November 25, 1999 from George Blazek to Ms Barrett,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding health policy in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1128/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing
Stanley Reynolds of Wetaskiwin, recipient of the 1999 Alberta Order of Excellence and
his commitment to preserving Alberta's history.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding
handicap placards given to people with disabilities and the difficulty experienced by
handicap persons when trying to park in public places.

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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government
Business for the week of November 29 to December 2, 1999:

Monday, November 29 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Messages from His Honour -
Supplementary Supply

Government Motions

Government Motions 24 and 25

Second Reading/**Committee of the Whole**

Bills 38, 40, 43, 44

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading/****Committee of the Whole**

Bills 38, 40, 43, 44

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, November 30

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders****Government Motions**

Government Motion 23

Second Reading/**Committee of the Whole**

Bills 38, 40

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Supplementary Supply
(Day 1 of 2)**Committee of the Whole**

Bills 40, 38, 43, 44

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, December 1

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bill 40

Committee of SupplySupplementary Supply
(Day 2 of 2)

Introduction of Bills

Bill 45

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, December 2 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bills 46, 45

Committee of the Whole

Bill 40

And as per Order Paper

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 35

Amery	Fritz	McClellan
Broda	Graham	McFarland
Calahasen	Haley	Melchin
Cao	Hancock	O'Neill
Cardinal	Herard	Paszkowski
Day	Hlady	Severtson
Ducharme	Jacques	Stelmach
Dunford	Johnson	Stevens
Evans	Klapstein	Strang
Fischer	Kryczka	Thurber
Forsyth	Laing	Yankowsky
Friedel	Lougheed	

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	MacDonald	White
Carlson	Sloan	Wickman

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole
Bill 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, November 29, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 29, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 125 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 117 Calgary and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 116 Calgary and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 127 Calgary and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 110 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 508 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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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 to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to William Hess, President, Canadian Venture Exchange, offering congratulations to the new Canadian Venture Exchange on its inaugural day

Sessional Paper 1129/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Second Quarter Fiscal Update: 1999-2000 Quarterly Budget Report, release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1130/99

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Restated Government and Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 1131/99

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 Update, 1999-2000
Quarterly Report, release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1132/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Second Quarter Activity Report: 1999-2000,
release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1133/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question No. WQ71 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31,
1999:

What indicators and statistics are used to determine the percentage of children
who stay free from abuse or neglect while in the Ministry of Family and Social
Services' care?

Sessional Paper 1134/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ72 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31,
1999:

What are the membership and objectives of the Forever Homes Initiative Work
Team?

Sessional Paper 1135/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ89 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31,
1999:

What negotiations have taken place on the status of Aboriginal adoptions and the
reasons for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the last fiscal
year?

Sessional Paper 1136/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR51 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on
March 31, 1999:

Records of negotiations and contracts between the Department of Family and
Social Services and the University of Calgary School of Social Work for research
on child abuse between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1137/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR52 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Documentation completed by the Children's Advocate Office on child welfare caseload increases and the effects of the increase on front-line staff.

Sessional Paper 1138/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR54 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Copies of minutes from the Forever Homes Work Team meetings between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1139/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR55 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Drafts of the Forever Homes Work Team action plan identifying policy, practice, training, communication and resource requirements for the Forever Homes initiative.

Sessional Paper 1140/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR60 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Interprovincial comparison reports from the Children's Advocate Office for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 22, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1141/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR64 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposals for projects targeting women at risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child.

Sessional Paper 1142/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR65 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Documentation from the negotiations on the role of the Children's Advocate with the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities.

Sessional Paper 1143/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR66 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Agreements and arrangement between the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services as part of their business and operational plans.

Sessional Paper 1144/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR68 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility for hard to manage youth requiring behaviour management to remediate their behaviours, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1145/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR69 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the ten-bed facility which would provide basic care for youth requiring shelter, with an outreach capacity attached that would serve both children with Child Welfare Status and without, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1146/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR70 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility to provide care for youth with drug and alcohol addiction/abuse issues, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1147/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR74 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Copies of agreements and arrangements between the Department of Family and Social Services and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services for the fiscal year 1997-98, and April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1148/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR75 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Records of the review on the Stoney First Nation's childcare services for the period April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1149/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Premier Mike Harris, Government of Ontario, offering congratulations to the Hamilton Tiger Cats for their victory in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1150/99

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Heritage, Government of Canada, offering congratulations to the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Tiger Cats for their victory in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1151/99

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Sig Gutsche, Owner, Calgary Stampeders Football Club, offering congratulations to the Calgary Stampeders for their tremendous season and efforts in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1152/99

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

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1153/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 1154/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists (AAROT), Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1155/99

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

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from David W. Bond, MD, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Association members expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1156/99

E-mail message dated November 29, 1999, from Terry Jorden, Public Relations Officer, AARN (Alberta Association of Registered Nurses), to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1157/99

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from Bill Smith, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1158/99

CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) Board Public Meeting Minutes, held October 19, 1999, with attached Performance Report for the period ending September 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1159/99

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "Acute Care Facility Design Capacity vs. Acute Care Beds In Service" depicting the number of beds per health region

Sessional Paper 1160/99

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

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Mr. Grant Hemming to Hon. Mr. A. Rock, Federal Minister of Health, requesting a question be posed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the privatization of hospital services while changing the Didsbury Hospital to become a long-term care unit as of April 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 1161/99

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

Open letter dated November 25, 1999, from Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs and Independent MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly), regarding a personal focus of family violence eradication from society

Sessional Paper 1162/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Program for the Ninth Annual Fundraising Breakfast Supporting Programs to "Stop Violence Against Women and Children," held Monday, November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1163/99

Sexual Assault Response Team of Edmonton (SARTE) pamphlet entitled "Here to Help"

Sessional Paper 1164/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, entitled "Consolidated Fiscal Summary, 1999-2000: Before Spending and Revenue Allocations"

Sessional Paper 1165/99

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

Fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, entitled "Budget Predictions: Stockwell Day vs. the Alberta Liberal Caucus"

Sessional Paper 1166/99

Media information fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, detailing “How Oil Price Forecasts are Stacking Up Versus Budget, 1999” and “How Natural Gas Forecasts are Stacking Up Versus Budget, 1999,” produced by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 1167/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing the annual national white ribbon campaign and memorial events to show support for the ending of violence against women. The campaign, led by the Canadian organization Men Working to End Men’s Violence against Women, runs November 25, 1999, International Day for the Eradication of Violence Towards Women, until December 6, 1999, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

Fact sheet entitled “Revenue Projections,” highlighting total revenue figures original at budget, released March 9, 1999

Sessional Paper 1168/99

Fact sheet entitled “Revenues (\$ millions)” detailing Budget ‘99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1169/99

Recognitions

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Dr. Shirley Stinson, health professional and registered nurse recipient of the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Alberta Schools Athletic Association 1A Boys’ Provincial Volleyball Tournament held in Carbon, November 27-28, 1999.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Norwood School community service projects undertaken by students as recognized by the Alberta Coalition on Child’s Rights with a Citizenship Award.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) and Farm Fair International held in Edmonton, November 1999.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 50th anniversary of Forest Heights Elementary School, September 25, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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):

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 1170/99

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of 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 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1999 — 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 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 30

Amery	Forsyth	Nelson
Broda	Fritz	Renner
Burgener	Graham	Shariff
Cao	Hancock	Smith
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Kryczka	Taylor
Ducharme	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Magnus	Trynchy
Evans	McFarland	West
Fischer	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Olsen	White

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:06 p.m. until Tuesday, November 30, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first convening of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislature Building on November 30, 1911.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 817 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 104 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 109 Calgary and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 513 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 111 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 249 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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 increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 1, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ237.

Motions for Returns: MR233, MR234.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

2 pamphlets entitled "Elder Abuse: What is it? What can be done about it?" and "Elder Abuse: Intervention Team," produced by the Edmonton Community Action Committee on Elder Abuse

Sessional Paper 1171/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Operating in the Dark: The Gathering Crisis in Canada's Public Health Care System, written by Brian Lee Crowley, Dr. David Zitner, and Nancy Faraday-Smith, produced by AIMS (Atlantic Institute for Market Studies)

Sessional Paper 1172/99

Excerpt page 8 from "Who is the Master? A Blueprint for Canadian Healthcare Reform"

Sessional Paper 1173/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheet entitled "Revenues (\$ millions)" detailing Budget '99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1174/99

Fact sheet entitled "Resource Revenue Prices and Economic Assumptions" detailing Budget '99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1175/99

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

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Kevin Kavanagh, Director, Endangered Spaces Campaign, and Peter Lee, Regional Director, Alberta Endangered Spaces Campaign, World Wildlife Fund, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding a challenge issued to all Premiers and the Prime Minister to deliver on their commitments to complete Canada's protected areas system

Sessional Paper 1176/99

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

Fact sheet dated November 30, 1999, entitled "Budgets vs. Second Quarter Budget Updates, 1993/94 - 1999/2000"

Sessional Paper 1177/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Bethany Care Centre Cochrane union information sheet with attached nine letters dated November 20-29, 1999, expressing concern regarding the ongoing strike at the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane

Sessional Paper 1178/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

ConsumerWatch bulletin published by the Consumers' Association of Canada, Alberta Chapter, with information regarding cataract surgery costs

Sessional Paper 1179/99

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

Article entitled "Alberta Health Information Legislation" and response issued by the Alberta Liberal Caucus, published in the Privacy Files, volume 3, issue number 7 and 8, dated September/October 1999

Sessional Paper 1180/99

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

Proclamation signed by Al Duerr, Mayor, as issued by the City of Calgary Office of the Mayor, proclaiming Tuesday, November 30, 1999 as "Disabled Parking Awareness Day"

Sessional Paper 1181/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Guide to Supports for Independence (SFI) and Non-Continuous Benefits: Alberta Family and Social Services, published June 1999 by Womanspace Resource Centre as funded by Status of Women Canada

Sessional Paper 1182/99

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

Map depicting the highway system for access to Milk River as intersecting with Highway 4 and Highway 501 (West and East Routes)

Sessional Paper 1183/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing "Justice Working," a four year demonstration pilot project as a coordinated response to domestic violence developed by the Action Committee against Violence and the Calgary Justice Working Committee.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding the new route for Highway 4 with financial and emotional implications for Milk River residents due to the decision favouring a bypass route to the west side of the town.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West and Seniors Council Chair, made a statement recognizing the International Year of Older Persons, 1999, with activities and events to celebrate contributions made by seniors.

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

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 208 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1184/99

Amendment to Bill 208 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1185/99

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide additional resources to schools to cover the costs of textbooks, software, technology, learning materials, and teacher training that are required because of the introduction of a new curriculum mandated by the Government.

Pursuant to Standing Order 33, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, indicated he would absent himself from the debate and vote on Motions Other Than Government Motions No. 515, due to a conflict of interest.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 8

Bonner	MacBeth	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici	Sloan	

Against the motion: 41

Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Broda	Johnson	Renner
Burgener	Jonson	Severtson
Cao	Klapstein	Shariff
Cardinal	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stevens
Dunford	Lund	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	Tarchuk
Friedel	McFarland	Taylor
Fritz	Melchin	Trynchy
Haley	Nelson	West
Hancock	Oberg	Yankowsky
Herard	Paszkowski	

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Third 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. White speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1999 - 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Third 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary 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 Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1999-2000 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, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$189,717,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Children's Services

\$36,897,000 Operating Expense

Government Services

\$1,276,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Innovation and Science

\$2,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Justice

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply consideration of the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates:

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund, replacement page 80 containing supplementary background information which reconciles the transition of gross voted amounts from old to new departments

Sessional Paper 1186/99

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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00, the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1187/99

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 40 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1188/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 236 Calgary and area residents requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 674 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 112 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 214 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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, in light of the citizens rally in Seattle opposed to the World Trade Organization (WTO) agenda, urges the Government to immediately withdraw its delegation from the WTO negotiations being held in Seattle, because of:

- (a) the consequent developments including the declaration of civil emergency in Seattle, the use of the National Guard to impose curfew, the use by police and National Guard personnel of rubber bullets, pepper spray, as well as,
- (b) the potential challenge implicit in the WTO agenda to Alberta's ability to pursue its own public policies.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated November 29, 1999, from David J. Hitchcock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1189/99

E-mail message dated November 27, 1999, from Anthony Reimer to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and the Alberta Liberal Party expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1190/99

Letter dated December 1, 1999, from Shane P. Andrus to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1191/99

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Fact sheet entitled "Calgary Justice Working Committee Membership"

Sessional Paper 1192/99

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

Report entitled "It's All About Competition," produced by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Sessional Paper 1193/99

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

Bill 40, Health Information Act, Alberta Liberal Caucus Amendments, dated December 1, 1999, with attached 11 proposed amendments dated November 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1194/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Article entitled "Canadian Treatment Activists Win Important Battle in the War Against High Drug Prices: PWAs (People Living With AIDS) From Across Canada Target Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Price Regulators," by Glen Hillson for the Committee for Fair Drug Prices of the Canadian Treatment Advocates Council (CTAC)

Sessional Paper 1195/99

E-mail message dated June 28, 1999, from Robert G. Mills to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a universal resistance testing program for British Columbia to study drug resistance as a cause of HIV treatment failure and requesting resistance testing as part of the regular work-up for HIV infected individuals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1196/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Fred Muzin, President, Hospital Employees' Union, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1197/99

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

Fact sheet dated December 1, 1999, entitled "Alberta Treasury vs. Stokes Economic Consulting/FutureView Research, Budget Year 1997/98," with attached background financial material regarding the Alberta economy
Sessional Paper 1198/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated November 1, 1999, from Wilma Sisk, Coordinator, Information and Privacy Branch, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request for Information File Number 1999-G-079-N, relating to a child welfare fatality inquiry
Sessional Paper 1199/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Disenfranchised Widows Action Group - Alberta Chapter"
Sessional Paper 1200/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 7) regarding recommendations to address concerns with WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claims
Sessional Paper 1201/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: portraits by Alice Tyler of Alberta's Famous Five unveiled December 1, 1999 in the Legislature Building.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 10th anniversary of the Montreal massacre tragedy and the Person's Case to promote women's equality and safety in society.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan and Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities: open houses hosted in Bonnyville, High Level, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat to develop a disability strategy.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Mr. Bill Matheson, retiring from his public broadcasting career beginning in 1954 and including 23 years as ITV's weatherman.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: KSPS public television broadcasting of the "Spirit of Alberta" and "Let Them Be Cowboys" documentaries on December 2, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 10th annual Day Without Art, December 1, 1999, to acknowledge the devastation of the AIDS epidemic.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Calgary Public School Board Trustee candidates in the November 29, 1999 election.

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, in light of the citizens rally in Seattle opposed to the World Trade Organization (WTO) agenda, urges the Government to immediately withdraw its delegation from the WTO negotiations being held in Seattle, because of:

- (a) the consequent developments including the declaration of civil emergency in Seattle, the use of the National Guard to impose curfew, the use by police and National Guard personnel of rubber bullets, pepper spray, as well as,
- (b) the potential challenge implicit in the WTO agenda to Alberta's ability to pursue its own public policies.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ237. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education in the areas of fisheries and hunting respectively, each year, from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education each year from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

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

For the amendment: 46

Amery	Hierath	Pham
Boutilier	Hlady	Renner
Broda	Johnson	Smith
Burgener	Jonson	Stelmach
Calahasen	Klapstein	Stevens
Cao	Kryczka	Strang
Clegg	Laing	Tannas
Coutts	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor
Ducharme	Mar	Thurber
Dunford	Marz	Trynchy
Fischer	McFarland	West
Gordon	O'Neill	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky
Haley	Paszowski	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the amendment: 10

Bonner	Leibovici	Nicol
Carlson	MacBeth	Soetaert
Dickson	MacDonald	Wickman
Gibbons		

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ231, WQ232, WQ242, WQ243, WQ244, WQ245, WQ246, WQ247, WQ252, WQ254, WQ255.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR233. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

Copies of the most recent tables for deciduous and coniferous timber, separately, showing for each forest management unit, annual allowable cut, the proportion of the annual allowable cut that is allocated and the remaining unallocated volume, together with indications of provisional commitments for the unallocated timber.

MR234. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

Copies of any studies, reports, letters or memoranda written to, by, or for the Department of Environmental Protection between January 1, 1997 and May 1, 1999, that indicate that the long-term timber productivity of the boreal forest in Alberta will increase by at least 30% where intensive forest management practices are used and any related information concerning the impact of such practices on the forest ecosystem.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241, MR248, MR249, MR250, MR251, MR253.

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

Mrs. O'Neill, 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 208 (Section A) (Introduced by the Hon. Member for
Wetaskiwin-Camrose on November 30, 1999) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1202/99

Second Reading

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

Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)
Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, tabled the following:

Letter dated June 10, 1999, from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business to Mr. Rick Lelacheur, Chair of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), in a follow-up to a meeting held May 27, 1999 regarding 1998 premium rebates and funding policy revisions

Sessional Paper 1203/99

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: 26

Boutilier	Johnson	Pham
Broda	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Klapstein	Strang
Fischer	Kryczka	Thurber
Forsyth	Laing	Trynchy
Graham	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Haley	Magnus	Yankowsky
Hierath	Marz	Zwozdesky
Hlady	McFarland	

Against the motion: 17

Bonner	Leibovici	Soetaert
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Day	MacDonald	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Nicol	White
Dunford	Renner	Wickman
Gibbons	Smith	

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

Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 30, 1999 (as found in Sessional Paper 1204/99).

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

For the amendment: 28

Amery	Kryczka	Smith
Broda	Laing	Stelmach
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Ducharme	Magnus	Strang
Fischer	Mar	Thurber
Graham	McFarland	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	West
Herard	Oberg	Yankowsky
Jonson	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Klapstein		

Against the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Gibbons	Nicol
Carlson	MacDonald	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Sloan

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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 40 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 30, 1999) — Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 1204/99

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Government Motion 25 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 1999, and Standing Order 59(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1999-2000 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, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Environment

\$146,200,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Gaming

\$109,031,000 Operating Expense

Health and Wellness

\$322,255,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Infrastructure

\$540,500,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$4,450,000 Operating Expense

Learning

\$172,640,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$9,150,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions pertaining to the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

Sessional Paper 1205/99

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Thursday, December 2, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 648 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 66 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 307 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 142 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 urge the Government to facilitate a fair settlement in the labour dispute at the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane where the use of unqualified replacement staff is threatening patient safety.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

News release dated December 2, 1999, entitled "ATB Reports Strong Second Quarter Results," prepared by Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 1206/99

News release dated December 2, 1999, entitled "Finance Ministers Release the Details of Their Plan to Improve Competitiveness and Canadians' Standard of Living," with attached report dated December 1999, entitled "Improving the Competitiveness and Standard of Living of Canadians: Common Position of Provincial and Territorial Finance Ministers"

Sessional Paper 1207/99

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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1208/99

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1209/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ172 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

How many times has the working group established by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services to analyze potential emergency consequences resulting from Y2K (Year 2000) computer problems met, who makes up this group, and what recommendations and action plans has the group produced?

Sessional Paper 1210/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1211/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated November 4, 1999, entitled "MacBeth Calls for Moratorium on Expansion of Private Health Care," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 1212/99

Letter dated November 30, 1999, from Dan Miller, Premier, Government of British Columbia, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, expressing concerns over comments made by the Honourable Allan Rock in various media on November 18, 1999, regarding the current reality of medicare in all provinces and requesting a national debate on the issue

Sessional Paper 1213/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to Written Question No. WQ245 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert:

How many staff (full time equivalents) were employed by the former Department of Labour to investigate all industrial accidents, including those in mining and off-highway logging, between April 1, 1992 and March 31, 1993 and between April 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999?

Sessional Paper 1214/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ252 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert:

How many accidents involving log-haul trucks on off-highway roads were investigated each year from April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1999, in how many cases was the weight load checked, in how many cases was the weight load in excess of the rated vehicle capacity (as prescribed in the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations) and of those cases, in how many was the weight load in excess of the Alberta permitted winter weight?

Sessional Paper 1215/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR251 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert:

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

Copies of any memos, documents or other reports comparing the accident rate of log haul trucks in Alberta and those in other Canadian jurisdictions or the Northwestern United States, that have been conducted since January 1, 1996.

Sessional Paper 1216/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Memorandum dated November 20, 1999, from Cathy Brett, Senior Director, Bethany Care Society, to all Bethany Care Society staff regarding non-Bethany staff working at the Bethany Care Centre Cochrane during the Guild strike

Sessional Paper 1217/99

Letter dated December 1, 1999, from Allan Sheldon to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern over private for-profit health care systems and de-insured services

Sessional Paper 1218/99

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from Barry Crittenden to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern over privatization of provincial campgrounds and on pending legislation for private hospitals/clinics

Sessional Paper 1219/99

Article entitled "How to Keep the Public Hospital System Healthy," by Stephen Leeder, published in the Sydney Morning Herald, April 15, 1999

Sessional Paper 1220/99

Letter dated December 2, 1999, from David W. Bond, M.D., President of the Alberta Medical Association, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1221/99

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

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Mary Trumpener to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for establishing more parks and wilderness areas in Alberta's Foothills

Sessional Paper 1222/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

"Round Tuit" courtesy of the friends of the Head Injury Association

Sessional Paper 1223/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Dr. Steve Chambers, President, Capital Region Medical Staff Association, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding the attached survey of physicians conducted by the Capital Region Medical Staff Association

Sessional Paper 1224/99

8 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1225/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Jill Konkin, M.D., CCFP, Alberta Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, to Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing concern over Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1226/99

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from Michele Mitchell to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1227/99

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

Letter dated October 27, 1999, from Dr. and Mrs. H. J. de Jongh to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 1228/99

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from Slawomir Pietrzkiwicz to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health care

Sessional Paper 1229/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated April 30, 1999, from an Albertan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1230/99

Letter dated July 2, 1999, from Christine Chesterman to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the midwifery profession to permanently integrate itself into the health system

Sessional Paper 1231/99

Article entitled "Transforming Public Services: Contracting for Social and Health Services in the US," written by Steven Rathgeb Smith, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Political Science, Sanford Institute of Public Policy, published in Public Administration, volume 74, Spring 1996 issue

Sessional Paper 1232/99

Article entitled "Analyzing the Contracting-Out of Government Services: Relevant Cost-Benefit Considerations," written by Stanley C. Wisniewski, Assistant Professor of Business Economics at the Kogod College of Business Administration, published in Public Budgeting and Finance, Summer 1991 issue

Sessional Paper 1233/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Debating Time for Bill 40, Health Information Act"

Sessional Paper 1234/99

Dutch Protection of Personal Data Act, dated November 1999

Sessional Paper 1235/99

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

8 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1236/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1237/99

7 letters dated November 17, 1999, and October 22, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the protection of the Chinchaga Foothills region

Sessional Paper 1238/99

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

Letter dated October 6, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 1) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim
Sessional Paper 1239/99

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

3 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1240/99

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

Fax dated November 25, 1999, from Garth and Cathy Peevey to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing support for the drug Ribovone to be put on the subsidized list of Alberta Blue Cross
Sessional Paper 1241/99

Letter dated November 18, 1999, from Wendy Sauvé to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition regarding for-profit health care
Sessional Paper 1242/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

8 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1243/99

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

8 letters dated April 30, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for funding of midwifery in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1244/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) commentary by Muriel Stanley Venne in Edmonton regarding the criminal case of Jack Ramsey, Member of Parliament
Sessional Paper 1245/99

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

Annex 2: Domestic Support: The Basis for Exemption From the Reduction Commitments
Sessional Paper 1246/99

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

Memorandum dated December 1, 1999, from Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act, 1999, come up for Third reading on Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1247/99

Memorandum dated December 1, 1999, from Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 210, Charitable Donation of Food Act, come up for Third reading on Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1248/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness and Minister Responsible for the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, made a statement regarding International Day of the Disabled Person, December 3, 1999, and the many abilities, contributions and accomplishments of disabled Albertans.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding public consultations on the proposed health information protection legislation with attached Alberta Liberal Caucus news release dated December 2, 1999, entitled "Klein's Heavy Hand Silences Debate on Health Privacy"

Sessional Paper 1249/99

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

Letter dated November 30, 1999, from Paul Greenwood, Cardiologist and Clinical Professor of Medicine, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1250/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the community menorah lighting ceremonies to be held December 5, 1999, in Calgary and in Edmonton on the grounds of the Legislature in honour of Hannukah, the Jewish holiday.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, read Revelations 13:16 and 17 in the context of closure of debate on Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the exchange of personal health information through the electronic network Alberta Wellnet.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Symposium on Aging, Planning for the Future, held November 18-20, 1999, at the Ramada Edmonton Inn to promote public policy regarding seniors' issues.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of December 6 to December 9, 1999:

Monday, December 6

Aft.

- **Introduction of Bills**

Bill 46

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bills 43, 44

Third Reading

Bill 7

Committee of the Whole

Bills 43, 44, 38, 40

And as per Order Paper

	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bills 38, 40 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, December 7	(4:30)	-	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 46 Third Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 38 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 46, 45, 43, 44, 38 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, December 8	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 46, 45, 43, 44, 38, 7, 40 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, December 9	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 43, 44, 38, 7, 40 And as per Order Paper based on progress Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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 facilitate a fair settlement in the labour dispute at the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane where the use of unqualified replacement staff is threatening patient safety.

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 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Clegg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. 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: 40

Boutilier	Fritz	O'Neill
Broda	Graham	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hierath	Pham
Calahasen	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Kryczka	Severtson
Clegg	Laing	Smith
Coutts	Langevin	Stelmach
Day	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	Mar	Thurber
Evans	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fischer	Melchin	Yankowsky
Forsyth	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Friedel		

Against the motion: 11

Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Leibovici	Pannu	White
MacDonald	Sapers	

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

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 5:15 p.m. the Acting 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 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, December 6, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6, 1999

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

The Speaker recognized the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, and a minute of silence was observed in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the 1989 massacre of 14 women students at l'école Polytechnique in Montreal.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 217 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 111 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 122 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 109 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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, in light of the skyrocketing numbers of homeless persons throughout the province, urges the Government to dedicate a portion of its ballooning surplus to provide direct funding to non-profit community groups to build and operate safe and affordable housing for the homeless.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 46 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)—Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

The Clerk read a list of Ministry Annual Reports which were submitted to the Office of the Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(1), for tabling in the Assembly pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Executive Council, Annual Report 1998-99, including the Northern Alberta Development Council, and the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 1251/99

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 1 including the Personnel Administration Office

Sessional Paper 1252/99

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1253/99

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1254/99

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1255/99

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1256/99

Alberta Ministry of Economic Development, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1257/99

Alberta Education, 94th Annual Report and 5th Annual Results Report 1998-99,
Part 1

Sessional Paper 1258/99

Alberta Education, 94th Annual Report and 5th Annual Results Report 1998-99,
Part 2

Sessional Paper 1259/99

Alberta Ministry of Energy, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1260/99

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1261/99

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1262/99

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 1

Sessional Paper 1263/99

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1264/99

Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 26th Annual Report to
March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1265/99

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1266/99

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1267/99

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1268/99

Alberta Public Works Supply and Services, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1269/99

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual
Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1270/99

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual
Report 1998-99 (Revised)

Sessional Paper 1271/99

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1272/99

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1273/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act,
cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta Annual Report 1998-99: Report to Albertans on Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity

Sessional Paper 1274/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

News release dated December 4, 1999, entitled "Alberta disappointed with suspension of WTO (World Trade Organization) talks," produced by Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations

Sessional Paper 1275/99

News release dated December 4, 1999, entitled "Statement by the Government of Canada on the Suspension of WTO (World Trade Organization) Talks in Seattle," produced by the Government of Canada

Sessional Paper 1276/99

News release dated December 3, 1999, entitled "Disappointment, but negotiations on agriculture will proceed," produced by the Cairns Group

Sessional Paper 1277/99

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

News release dated December 6, 1999, entitled "Alberta teachers condemn closure on Bill 40, Health Information Act," produced by the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 1278/99

Article entitled "A Count of Homeless Persons in Edmonton," conducted November 17, 1999 by the Edmonton Homelessness Count Committee

Sessional Paper 1279/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated December 3, 1999, from Rick Robinson to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing opposition to health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1280/99

E-mail message dated December 5, 1999, from James C. Keylock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1281/99

E-mail message dated December 5, 1999, from John McIntosh, Chairperson, Calgary Chapter of CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the possible use of closure to limit debate

Sessional Paper 1282/99

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from George Lucki, Past President, Psychologists' Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act, the possible use of closure to limit debate, and requesting a full public consultation process

Sessional Paper 1283/99

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

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Kevin Gregor, First Vice-President/President Elect, Calgary Chamber of Commerce, to Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1284/99

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Elisabeth R. Ballermann, President, HSAA (Health Sciences Association of Alberta), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the possible use of closure to limit debate

Sessional Paper 1285/99

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Patients and the Confidentiality of Their Health Information, cited as the Health Information Privacy Act, a model health information Act proposed by the Canadian Medical Association

Sessional Paper 1286/99

Editorial dated November 23, 1999, entitled "Patient confidentiality may no longer be a reality," published in the Medical Post

Sessional Paper 1287/99

Bill C-6 (Personal Information Protection and Election Documents Act): Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, submitted by Dr. Peter Vaughan, Secretary General and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Canadian Medical Association, dated November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1288/99

50 proposed amendments to Bill 40, Health Information Act, dated November 30, 1999 to December 5, 1999

Sessional Paper 1289/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from Mr. Rick LeLacheur, Chairman, WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Alberta Board of Directors, to Mr. Allan P. Jobson, regarding recommendations submitted for changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, with attached documentation (evidence package 10) dated November 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 1290/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

The Manitoba 1999 Child Poverty Report Card - An Agenda for Action, developed by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPC) and a network of community partners

Sessional Paper 1291/99

Excerpt page 3 entitled "For children, poverty is....," from Our Neighbours' Voices: Will We Listen, Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Committee, as published in The Manitoba 1999 Child Poverty Report Card - An Agenda for Action, developed by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPC) and a network of community partners

Sessional Paper 1292/99

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

Letter dated November 22, 1999, from Bert Simmons and family to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, regarding medical needs of Yvonne Simmons due to a diagnosis of Multi-Systemic Atrophy requiring and desiring 24-hour home care provision rather than entering a long-term care facility

Sessional Paper 1293/99

Recognitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Alberta Honey Producers Co-operative Limited.

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Scott and Lisa Severtson, farm family recipients of the Canadian Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: 135 residents of the Colonel Belcher hospital, a long-term health care facility located in Calgary.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Shane Fage, participant and competitor in the 6th International Young Composer's Meeting held in Holland.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Jasper Place Rebels Senior Football Team winners of the Provincial Football Championship held November 20, 1999.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: gratitude expressed by the community of Okotoks for projects funded by Community Lottery Fund grants received.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: United Victims' Assistance Foundation established by Sid Jorstad to assist victims of violence.

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, in light of the skyrocketing numbers of homeless persons throughout the province, urges the Government to dedicate a portion of its ballooning surplus to provide direct funding to non-profit community groups to build and operate safe and affordable housing for the homeless.

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 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, but be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering amendments to section 3 of the Bill.

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 amendment: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the amendment: 31

Boutilier	Hancock	Mar
Broda	Herard	Marz
Calahasen	Hierath	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Jacques	Pham
Clegg	Johnson	Renner
Day	Laing	Severtson
Doerksen	Lougheed	Smith
Dunford	Lund	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Magnus	Taylor
Friedel		

Debate continued on the question for Third reading of Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, 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.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Tuesday, December 7, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the birthday of Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 113 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 119 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 87 Edmonton and area residents requesting the provision of safe, affordable, quality out-of-school care to all families in need.

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, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 8, 1999:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to the Auditor General relating to recommendations in the Auditor General's 1998-99 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1294/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1295/99

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

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 1296/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-6.1, s13.4(2):

Alberta Securities Commission (ASC), Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1297/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, cA-26, s7(5):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, Financial Statements, dated March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1298/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Standard and Poor's article dated December 7, 1999, entitled "Alberta's 'AA+' Ratings Affirmed: Outlook Still Stable"

Sessional Paper 1299/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Backgrounder dated December 3, 1999, entitled "Partnerships with Non-profit and Private Health Service Providers," produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)

Sessional Paper 1300/99

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

New York Times newspaper article dated December 7, 1999, entitled "Cities Try to Sweep Homeless Out of Sight," written by Evelyn Nieves

Sessional Paper 1301/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Open letter dated December 4, 1999, from Mrs. Christine Burdett, Provincial Chair, Friends of Medicare, regarding health care privatization initiatives and the need for additional health care funding

Sessional Paper 1302/99

"Constituents Comments" feedback form dated December 7, 1999, submitted by R.W. (Bob) Oldham expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and proposed health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1303/99

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

Labour News: Alberta's Alternate News Voice, volume 6, issue number 8, dated November 1999, produced by the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), highlighting article entitled "A worker's death: another casualty of our workplace wilderness," written by Mario Troncoso

Sessional Paper 1304/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters dated October 22, 1999 to November 17, 1999, from Richard D. Brinkman, Ayal Dinner and Joe Vipond, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting protection of Alberta's Foothills Natural Region

Sessional Paper 1305/99

3 letters, undated, from Joe Vipond, Dale T. Cousineau and Richard D. Brinkman, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting protection of the Bighorn Country

Sessional Paper 1306/99

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

Letter dated December 2, 1999, from Larry Phillips, President, Consumers' Association of Alberta (Canada), to Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1307/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Final submission request from 38 Albertans requesting funding for midwifery, submitted by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark and Alberta Liberal Health Critic, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre and Alberta Liberal Women's Issues Critic, with attached letters dated April 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1308/99

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

Letter dated November 15, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, regarding evidence packages previously provided with background documentation relating to WCB claims (Workers' Compensation Board)

Sessional Paper 1309/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Excerpt page 4 dated August 1999, entitled "Injury Related Deaths and Hospitalizations to Children - 1997," published by the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research

Sessional Paper 1310/99

Letter dated September 16, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, expressing concern raised by seniors with respect to increasing rental rates in Alberta, with attached letter in response dated October 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 1311/99

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions. Unanimous consent of the Assembly was not granted.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Calgary school system, and in particular the Calgary public education system with a large number of trustee candidates in the recent election who displayed a wide range of skills, experiences and innovative approaches.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding effects on Albertans of the oil and gas industry, with conflicts requiring moderating services provided by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) through alternative dispute resolution practices.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo and Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the approximately 60 amendments proposed by the Official Opposition to outline alternative policies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Ms Carlson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue a reconfigured Special Places program until it is complete and to establish a panel of independent scientific experts to advise the Government on what areas need further protection to conserve the biodiversity of all ecoregions in the province.

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: 9

Bonner	Gibbons	Olsen
Carlson	Leibovici	Pannu
Dickson	MacDonald	Soetaert

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Herard	Paszkowski
Broda	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Jacques	Renner
Cao	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Ducharme	Magnus	Stevens
Dunford	Marz	Strang
Fischer	McClellan	Taylor
Forsyth	McFarland	Thurber
Friedel	Melchin	Trynchy
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky
Haley	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Oberg	

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)—Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on December 6, 1999) that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned on amendment, Ms Olsen speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1999 — 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)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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: 34

Amery	Kryczka	Paszkowski
Broda	Laing	Pham
Cardinal	Magnus	Sapers
Clegg	Mar	Shariff
Coutts	Marz	Stevens
Ducharme	McClellan	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	Taylor
Fischer	Melchin	Thurber
Forsyth	Nelson	Trynchy
Gibbons	Oberg	Woloshyn
Hancock	Olsen	Yankowsky
Jonson		

Against the motion: 7

Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Leibovici	Sloan	Wickman
Massey		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 46 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)—Hon. Mr. Hancock

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on December 6, 1999) that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate on amendment, 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

26. Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 40, Health Information Act, 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: 33

Amery	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Clegg	Magnus	Stevens
Coutts	Marz	Strang
Ducharme	McClellan	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Thurber
Fischer	Melchin	Trynchy
Forsyth	Nelson	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 11

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 40, Health Information Act, as found in Sessional Paper 1318/99, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 11

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Against the motion: 34

Amery	Jonson	Pham
Broda	Kryczka	Renner
Cao	Laing	Shariff
Cardinal	Magnus	Stelmach
Clegg	Mar	Stevens
Coutts	McClellan	Strang
Ducharme	McFarland	Taylor
Dunford	Melchin	Thurber
Fischer	Nelson	Trynchy
Forsyth	Oberg	Woloshyn
Graham	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Hancock		

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:13 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 40, Health Information Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:13 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 40, Health Information Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:14 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 40, Health Information Act, be reported, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Amery	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Clegg	Magnus	Stevens
Coutts	Mar	Strang
Ducharme	McClellan	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Thurber
Fischer	Melchin	Trynchy
Forsyth	Nelson	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Soetaert
Leibovici		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1312/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1313/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1314/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1315/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1316/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1317/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1318/99

Third Reading

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) and (2).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate. 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: 28

Broda	Magnus	Renner
Cardinal	Mar	Shariff
Clegg	McClellan	Stevens
Coutts	McFarland	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	Taylor
Dunford	Nelson	Thurber
Fischer	Oberg	Trynchy
Hancock	Paszkowski	Woloshyn
Jonson	Pham	Yankowsky
Kryczka		

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Soetaert
Leibovici		

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 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Dr. Massey, 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 43 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1319/99

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1320/99

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1321/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:38 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 261 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 415 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 335 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 214 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 449 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, presented a petition from over 900 Albertans requesting positive and decisive action by provincial and federal politicians to protect the public from threats of violence from residents of the Trickle Creek Farm.

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 to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Victims Programs, Status Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1322/99

Memorandum dated July 23, 1999, from the Alberta Law Reform Institute to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding a review of section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act

Sessional Paper 1323/99

Fact sheet entitled "Fall Session Bill 40, Health Information Act, as of December 3, 1999, Total Minutes 446.0"

Sessional Paper 1324/99

Fact sheet entitled "Use of Closure: Directly Proportionate to Number of Liberals Elected to Assembly"

Sessional Paper 1325/99

Fact sheet entitled "Analysis of Average Time Per Sitting Day, 1997 to 1999"

Sessional Paper 1326/99

Fact sheet entitled "Legislative Reform (With Respect to Daily Sitting Times)"

Sessional Paper 1327/99

Fact sheet entitled "Question Period Analysis, Spring 1997 to Spring 1999"

Sessional Paper 1328/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1329/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated December 7, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, in response to questions raised on December 1, 1999, regarding Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations' request for Supplementary Estimates

Sessional Paper 1330/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation, Annual Review 1998

Sessional Paper 1331/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated December 8, 1999, from David W. Bond, MD, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding patient information provided to Alberta Health by physicians for payment of claims

Sessional Paper 1332/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-15, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1333/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Government of Alberta Committee on Effective Representation: Provincial Polling Results, produced by Environics West, dated November 26, 1999, with attached news release dated December 8, 1999, entitled "Albertans value effective political representation, survey finds"

Sessional Paper 1334/99

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

28 proposed amendments to Bill 40, Health Information Act, proposed by the Liberal Opposition, dated November 30, 1999 to December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1335/99

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Elisabeth R. Ballermann, President, Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA), expressing opposition to the imposition of closure on the debate of Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1336/99

Bar graph depicting Fall Session 1999 debate time (hours) relating to eight Government Bills (number/title), as of Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1337/99

Bill 5, An Act to Amend Certain Statutes Because of the Supreme Court of Canada Decision in *M. v. H.*, Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 1999

Sessional Paper 1338/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated July 23, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program regulations, with attached letter dated June 30, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) implementation of program changes

Sessional Paper 1339/99

Letter dated June 28, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, in response to a letter dated June 7, 1999, requesting information on the transfer of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Boards to Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 1340/99

Letter dated December 7, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding public health and disease control issues arising from the SPCA (Edmonton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Animal Protection Services investigation at 6234 - 112A Street

Sessional Paper 1341/99

Raising the Floor: The Social and Economic Benefits of Minimum Wages in Canada, by Michael Goldberg and David Green, dated September 1999

Sessional Paper 1342/99

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

Disenfranchised Widows Action Group invitation to a Christmas luncheon held
December 8, 1999 at the Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch, Edmonton
Sessional Paper 1343/99

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

250 letters from parents of Galbraith Elementary School students to Hon.
Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting funding to repair and restore
the third floor of their school
Sessional Paper 1344/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 22, 1999, from Dr. Paula Fayerman to Hon. Mr. Klein,
Premier, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives
Sessional Paper 1345/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Anita Volk to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of
Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information
Act
Sessional Paper 1346/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from John J. Dougherty, General President,
Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association of the
United States and Canada, to Committee members regarding resolutions
unanimously adopted by the delegates at the 48th International Convention of the
Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association, with
attached documentation of the five resolutions
Sessional Paper 1347/99

3 e-mail messages dated December 7, 1999, from Lorele Hanson, C. Kuehn and
Jessica Belliveau to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona,
expressing support for Bill 216, Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act
Sessional Paper 1348/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Christine Chesterman, President, Birth
Unlimited, to Mr. Jim Dinning, Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA),
expressing support for the full implementation of midwifery services
Sessional Paper 1349/99

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

Letter dated November 17, 1999, from Adam Wolfe Gordon, Grade 8 student with Avalon Junior High School, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, regarding a lack of funding for Alberta schools

Sessional Paper 1350/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 24, 1999, from Mrs. Aileen Pelzer to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 1351/99

Letter dated December 2, 1999, from Eva and Paul Sylvestre to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development Corporation, regarding proposed developments in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Developers Ltd., with attached letter dated November 23, 1999, from Mrs. Aileen Pelzer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment

Sessional Paper 1352/99

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

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, regarding evidence packages previously provided with background documentation relating to WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) recommendations

Sessional Paper 1353/99

Letter dated October 18, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 4) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1354/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 8) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1355/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Carolyn Berube, Co-chair, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group - Alberta Chapter, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding negotiations with the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) to resolve the issue of survivors' pensions terminated upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 1356/99

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated November 30, 1999, from P.V. Greenwood, Cardiologist, Clinical Professor of Medicine, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1357/99

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Alberta IYOP (International Year of Older Persons) Advisory Committee.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Alberta Wilderness Association, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, and the World Wildlife Fund for their efforts to protect the Wild Chinchaga and Peace Parkland areas.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Y2K (Yes-to-Kids) program initiated by the Greater Edmonton Community Foundation in co-operation with the United Way.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: St. Francis Xavier and Belmead Schools placing second and fourth respectively in the West Edmonton Mall Be True to Your School campaign.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Pearce Estate Park Interpretive Wetland, interactive park partnership project between the city of Calgary, BP Amoco, and the Alberta Environment Department.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Felice Young, Alberta Federation of Labour staff member, leaving her position following 25 years of service.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Red Deer College and Canadian University College collaborative efforts as detailed in a letter of understanding signed November 10, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ231. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the revenue recovery or the economic offset of the \$600 million single rate tax proposal for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, and how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset in each fiscal year is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on the revenue recovery or the economic offset of the \$600 million single rate tax proposal for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, and how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset in each fiscal year is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ232. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How much of the \$120 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2002-03, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the elimination of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on how much of the \$120 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2002-03, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the elimination of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

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
Burgener	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cao	Johnson	Pham
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Doerksen	Kryczka	Severtson
Ducharme	Laing	Shariff
Dunford	Lougheed	Smith
Fischer	Marz	Stelmach
Friedel	McClellan	Strang
Graham	Melchin	Tarchuk
Haley	Nelson	Trynchy
Hancock	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Olsen	Sloan
Dickson	Paul	Soetaert
Leibovici	Sapers	

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ242, WQ243, WQ244, WQ245, WQ246, WQ247, WQ254, WQ255.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241, MR248, MR249, MR250, MR253.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

Second Reading

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

Bill 212 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Hon. Mrs. Nelson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 46 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 44, Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, 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 44, Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 45 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Debate continued 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: 33

Boutilier	Hancock	Nelson
Broda	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Hierath	Oberg
Cardinal	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Dunford	Jonson	Renner
Fischer	Klapstein	Severtson
Friedel	Laing	Stelmach
Gordon	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 13

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Blakeman	MacBeth	Sloan
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons		

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 40, Health Information Act, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 23 agreed to by the Assembly on November 30, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 16, 2000

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada,
and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of
Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council
of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Third
Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of
Alberta:

Rod Wacowich,
Acting Deputy Minister of Justice
and
Acting Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 16, 2000, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Fourth Session of the Twenty-fourth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
THURSDAY, the 17th day of February, 2000, 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-sixth day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand in the Forty-
eighth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.